# School's role in instilling Jewish identity exaggerated, researcher claims

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

An Israeli sociologist, in a University of Toronto doctoral dissertation on Toronto Jewry, says the value of the Jewish school experience in the formation of Jewish ethnic identity has been exaggerated.

Yaacov Glickman claims the family is the most important factor in shaping ethnic identification. In an interview, the Tel Aviv-born academic said that "the mammoth resources poured into the Jewish school experience by the community seems, according to data, to have produced meagre results."

To alleviate the situation, Glickman suggests that community agencies invest greater sums of money in adult education programs. These, he says, would have the probable effect of deepening parents' knowledge of things Jewish.

Glickman discovered that 97% of parents surveyed had a positive attitude toward Jewish education, while support of it ranked first on a scale of nine items. He gathered his statistics in conjunction with the Board of Jewish Education in 1973 and 1974.

In order of priority, the concerns of most interest to the community were: Jewish education, Israel, philanthropy, preserving Jewish continuity, leading moral and ethical lives, promoting Yiddish and Hebrew, practicing religion, participating in religious services and intermarriage.

Glickman's research tends to support "the view of a growing number of articulate Jewish educators who have been arguing for more Jewish family life education programs, for informal Jewish education and for adult education programs," in the opinion of Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education.

Rabbi Witty told The Canadian Jewish News there is a growing recognition that Jewish education is only one component in developing Jewish identity. "The family, synagogues and the Jewish community have equal weight in determining Jewish identity," he said.

Quoting an American scholar, Geoffrey Bock, the rabbi said that, ultimately, "Jewish schooling is part of a larger social process....Jewish schooling is important but only one factor."

Though he paints a gloomy picture of the effect of Jewish education on ethnic formation, Glickman, a former research director of the BJE, says the majority of Toronto youth are committed to Jewish life.

Citing statistics showing that 92% of the youth surveyed have a positive attitude toward Jewish culture, the sociologist writes: "Well over 50% of youth are committed, either in thought or deed, to one or another mode of participation in organized Jewish life. If numbers are any indication, then the gloom and doom espoused by many a commentator are not fully warranted...."

In his thesis, entitled "Organizational Indicators and Social Correlates of Collective Jewish Identity", the author points out that 83% of youth display a positive attitude toward Jewish education, while 77.4% believe that synagogue affiliation is an affirmative practice.

Glickman, who plans to publish his findings in book form under the title of **Like Others Only More So: Jewish Ethnic Survival in the Canadian Experience**, writes that the Toronto community is highly unified.

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Yaacov Glickman


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# Trifa coming here, Wiesenthal says

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL —

Simon Wiesenthal, the foremost hunter of Nazi criminals, told a press conference at Hillel House that World War II Iron Guard commander Valerian Trifa is planning to move to Canada.

Trifa is presently living in Michigan where until recently he was archbishop of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate Church. The legitimacy of his citizenship papers is under study by the American Department of Justice.

According to Wiesenthal, Trifa has helpful friends in Canada, many of whom were themselves members of the Iron Guard, a particularly brutal military outfit responsible for the liquidation of Romanian Jews.

The Canadian government, he said, has never taken any action against these former Iron Guard members nor any other ex-Nazis, even though their presence in Canada has long been known.

"People from Jewish organizations send letters to the Canadian government. Nothing has resulted. No response. In my opinion, this is a sort of pollution."

*(In response to a Canadian Jewish Congress letter, Manpower and Immigration Minister Bud Cullen said last week no record of an application by Trifa to emigrate here had been made to date.*

*"I have asked, however," said the minister, "that I be informed immediately if Archbishop Trifa does apply at any time in the future. You will appreciate of course, that I cannot say at this time what the outcome in that event would be.")*

Speaking in Montreal on the last leg of his North American tour, Wiesenthal has issued the same warning everywhere he has gone: "If you pardon one Holocaust, you open the door to the next."

When he was a young man, he recalled, no one took Hitler seriously.

"We smiled when Hitler was mentioned and our parents smiled. We cannot hold our parents responsible for what they did not know. But our children and our grandchildren can make us responsible if we don't tell them the truth of what happened."

He took issue with the phrase "war criminal", which is commonly used to describe those responsible for the Holocaust. War crimes, he said, are committed by soldiers actively engaged in war, while the acts of genocide were carried out hundreds of miles from the front against helpless civilians.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Opposition factions seized upon the paper-thin 41-vote margin by which Premier Yitzhak Rabin defeated Defence Minister Shimon Peres for the Labor Party nomination as a sign that Labor is hopelessly divided and will enter the May 17 elections in a weakened condition.

Most Laborites, on the other hand, insisted that the party now stands united behind Rabin and will receive a new mandate from the electorate at the polls. Rabin received 1,445 votes and Peres got 1,404 votes.

But some Peres supporters took a dim view of the future.

*(See editorial on Page 4)*

THE VICTOR (right) and THE VANQUISHED shake hands. *(Religious News Service Photograph)*

# Rise in single-parent families reported

TORONTO —

The phenomenal increase in single-parent families was sharply brought to light in a routine survey conducted by the Jewish Camp Council, a United Jewish Appeal beneficiary agency, in which it was learned that 24% of the campers came from single-parent homes. The JCC operates four camps in Ontario.

It was further learned that most of the mothers of young children work and many have a difficult time coping. In a few instances, the father had custody of the children and was trying to fill two roles in the family.

"We were aware that the single-parent family is on the increase," said JCC Executive Director John Bernstein, "but this ratio of one in four really astounded us. We're beginning to catch up with the rest of the community."

As a direct result of this, the Social Planning Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress is zeroing in on the single-parent family as well as the steadily increasing number of singles in the Jewish community, for a study in depth to determine what supportive services must be provided.

"We have to strengthen the mother's ability to function," Bernstein added, "so that she can be helped to provide as stable an environment as possible for her family and give her a sense of belonging in the community."

For the past few years, the JCC has been running a singles weekend at one of the campsites. This year the program will be extended to two weeks, plus two weekends. An advisory committee of singles plans the programs and contacts all the Jewish singles clubs in the city.

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# *'Peace is unattainable without Palestinians'*

TORONTO [Staff] —

Peace will remain an impossible goal in the Middle East as long as the Palestinian Arabs are excluded from future Arab-Israeli talks, in the opinion of Dr. Mattityahu Peled, chairman of the Department of Arab Studies at Tel Aviv University.

Peled, who is also head of the Israel Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace, said in an interview after addressing a University of Toronto audience here last week that a fifth Arab-Israeli war could break out if the Palestinian problem remains unresolved.

A onetime major-general in the Israeli army, he forecast that another war would not ease Israel's political problems, or bring peace any closer. In fact, the Americans would probably impose an unfavorable settlement on the Israelis after a war.

Peled, who was military governor of the Gaza Strip in the wake of the 1956 Sinai campaign, said the next Mideast war would involve "Israel's rear", or its civilian population, and the resultant casualties would be immense.

Here on the last leg of a North American tour, Peled said the Palestinian question was at the root of the Arab-Israeli struggle. He asserted that "very substantial elements" in the Palestine Liberation Organization sought an equitable peace, and that the PLO Rejection Front is "quite an insignificant" group in the aftermath of the Lebanese civil war. He called for the establishment of a PLO West Bank-Gaza Strip state.

Mattityahu Peled

Peled, who has met a few prominent PLO leaders in European capitals in recent months, told 225 people at a forum sponsored by Canadian Professors For Peace In The Middle East there was a possibility that the PLO might amend its national covenant when the Palestine National Council meets later this month. The covenant calls for the destruction of Israel, one of the reasons why Jerusalem refuses to deal with the PLO.

The ex-general said the PLO was a divided organization, but he emphasized that its chairman, Yasser Arafat, led the moderate wing. Peled said it was in Israel's interest to encourage the moderates and to push for an independent PLO not beholden to Syria.

He said the Syrians want to create a "Greater Syria" front comprising Jordan, Lebanon and the Palestinians. From Israel's point of view, this concept would be most dangerous because the Jewish state would then be surrounded by a unified Arab front. That is why an independent PLO would serve Israel's strategic interests, he explained.

Peled said a Palestinian state in the occupied territories would, if anything, be of benefit to Israel. It would be a buffer state, and, therefore, an asset rather than a danger to Israel's security.

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# Egypt's Jews to get matzah

NEW YORK [JTA] —

A large shipment of matzah left a Brooklyn pier last week aboard the American steamship Lash Pacifico, bound for Alexandria, to enable Egypt's remaining 400 Jews to celebrate the Jewish festival of Passover, which this year begins at sundown April 2.

The 2,500 pounds of matzah are expected to arrive in about 12 days for distribution to the Jewish community now residing in Alexandria and Cairo. The arrangements were made by Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, after receipt of an expression of concern from the Egyptian Jewish community that their traditional matzah oven had broken down beyond repair.

Schindler, who had visited the Jewish community of Egypt in 1974 as head of an informal delegation representing the UAHC, has remained in close touch with Egyptian Jewish leaders.

After the matzah was donated by the B. Manischewitz Company of New Jersey, Schindler met in Washington with Egyptian Ambassador Ashraf Ghorbal to seek his government's assistance in the forwarding of the matzah. Ghorbal offered his immediate co-operation and Yehia Hafez, first secretary of the Egyptian Economic Office, recommended a freight forwarder and assisted with details regarding the required export papers.

Schindler, in a letter to Ghorbal, thanked him and Hafez for their "most considerate help" in expediting the shipment of matzah to Egypt's Jews.

Schindler, who also serves as the chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, viewed the act as "a humanitarian response to the needs of Egyptian citizens of the Jewish faith and an offer of aid to permit these families to fully observe a sacred holy festival."

# France snubs Arafat

By EDWIN EYTAN

PARIS [JTA] —

French Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud cancelled plans to meet in Beirut with PLO chief Yasser Arafat. A government spokesman said the decision was taken as a sign of French "displeasure" over the visit to France, under false identity, of Palestinian terrorist Abu Daoud last month.

Sources said the decision not to meet with Arafat marked a definite break with France's past policy, which always welcomed contacts with the PLO. Former foreign minister Jean Sauvanargues met with Arafat only last year on a Middle East trip. Two other signs that France is anxious to thaw its relations with Israel were the reconfirmation of an invitation to Premier Yitzhak Rabin to pay an official visit to Paris and the speed with which French and Israeli experts are moving to re-examine the Franco-Israeli extradition agreement.

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# Begin to speak in city

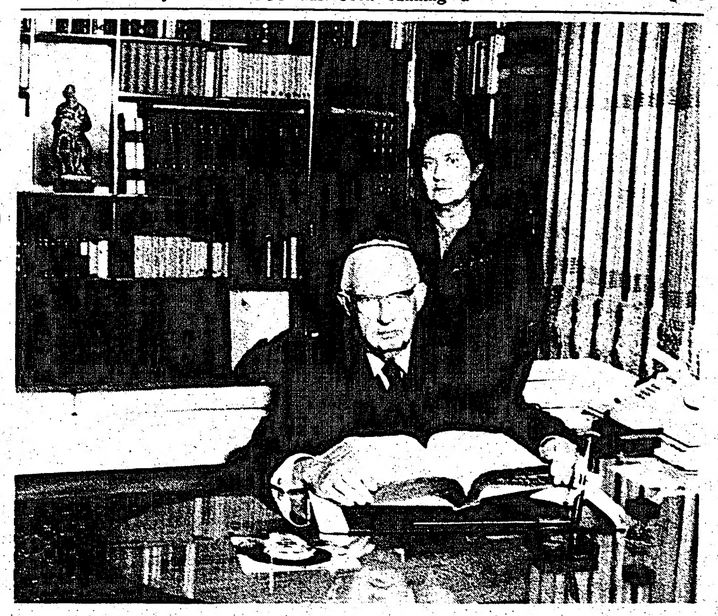
TORONTO —

Menachem Begin, Israel's longtime Opposition leader, will be visiting Canada next week, and more than ordinary interest in this event has been generated by the fact that he is considered to have better than an outsider's chance of becoming the next prime minister.

The veteran politician's prospects of gaining power in the May 17 general election in Israel are enhanced by the confusion which has overtaken the ruling Labor Party in the wake of recent scandals. Except for a two-year period, 1968-70, when he was a member of a coalition cabinet, Begin has been Opposition leader since the creation of the state in 1948.

His major Toronto address will take place Thursday, March 10 at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation at 8:30 on the topic, "Israel Today: Her Problems and Needs." It is being sponsored by Herut-Hatzohar (Revisionists), and Shaarei Shomayim. Admittance tickets are free and available at the synagogue.

He will be in Montreal March 6-8 to address an Israel Bonds function honoring actor William Shatner on the 7th, and will be in Toronto March 9-11.



*(Photo Illustrations of Canada)*

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lowy of Montreal are shown in the library of their home. Much of their renowned collection can now be found in the National Library of Canada in Ottawa. Lowy's collection, worth about $2 million, is believed largest gift ever to the Library.

# *NATIONAL LIBRARY GETS LOWY BOOKS*

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL

The National Library of Canada has received what is believed to be its largest single gift ever — the $2 million collection of Hebraica books and manuscripts, many of them very rare, belonging to Jacob M. Lowy of Montreal.

The collection includes 1,560 titles consisting of 1,727 volumes of Hebrew incunabula, Latin incunabula, Talmud editions and codes, a Flavius Josephus collection and very rare Bibles, liturgy and Hebrew books from the 16th to the 19th centuries. These include rabbinic books, philosophy, Kabbalah and Bible commentaries.

Prof. Chimen Abramsky, Goldsmid professor of Jewish history and head of the department of Hebrew and Jewish studies at the University of London, described the collection as one of the three most important private Hebraica libraries in North America. Lowy compiled his library over a period of 40 years.

Czech-born Lowy was the first president of the United Israel Appeal, a past president of Allied Jewish Community Services, the Mizrachi Organization of Canada, and the Young Israel Synagogue. He was also a member of the national executive of Canadian Jewish Congress for many years. A prominent land-developer, Lowy came to Canada from England after World War II.

The collection will be kept intact as a single collection under the name of the "Jacob M. Lowy Collection" and housed in the main building of the National Library. Its quarters will allow space for scholars to do research as well as office space for a curator to be appointed and a separate room for Lowy.

The formal deed with the National Library has made provisions for the donation of other books by Lowy in the near future.

Microfilms and reproductions of the Lowy Collection will be made available to institutes of higher learning, research centres and other libraries at cost price, the deed stipulates.

Saul Hayes, former national executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, acted in an advisory capacity in the arrangements for the Lowy Collection.

The Judaica section of the National Library was initiated by Congress in 1959 with the presentation of a collection of Judaica books in many languages as a gift of the Canadian Jewish community on its 200th anniversary in Canada.

*(See other picture on Page 17.)*

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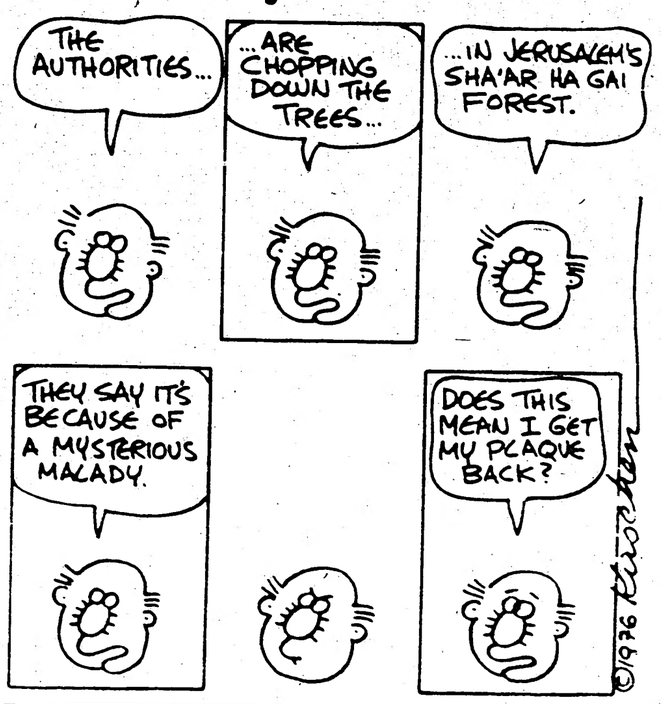
## Dry Bones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# N.Y. shooting rampage has focused attention on Nazi souvenir boom

**NEW YORK [JTA] —**

The shooting rampage by Nazi enthusiast Frederick W. Cowan in New Rochelle recently has focused attention on a booming business — the sale of Nazi memorabilia. Cowan, a moving van company employee who shot five persons to death before taking his own life, had a large collection of Nazi helmets, badges, medals, swastika arm bands and daggers in addition to an arsenal of deadly weapons in his attic.

He also had photographs of Hitler, Himmler and other Nazis and a collection of racist literature and recordings.

But dealers in the multi-million dollar Nazi artifacts market insist that the vast majority of their customers are not "Nazi kooks". They say that the purchasers of these items range from pre-adolescent boys to military historians and other scholars of the Nazi era. Many are legitimate collectors.

Nazi items are regularly advertised in gun and sporting magazines. One of the biggest outlets is Unique Imports of Alexandria, Va., run by Roderick Jones, a retired Air Force man. He assured reporters last week that Cowan was not on his world-wide mailing list of some 55,000 names.

Many of the items sold by Unique and by scores of other dealers around the country were brought here by World War II GIs. Others are "authentic" replicas of Nazi items and weapons. According to reports, there is also a large business in Nazi porno books — paperbacks offering explicit descriptions of rape and other sexual assaults on concentration camp inmates, most of them Jewish. One publisher dedicates his books "to the memory" of concentration camp victims.

Meanwhile, police are tracing a possible link between Cowan and the militant, racist National States Rights Party. He reportedly carried a membership card in that organization and received its publication, Thunderbolt.

After the carnage in New Rochelle, neighbors of Cowan told reporters that the killer was forever ranting against Jews and Blacks and threatening to "liquidate" them. His bloodbath was apparently triggered by a desire to kill his boss, Norman Bing, who is Jewish. Bing, who had suspended Cowan for rudeness to a customer, was not one of the victims.

*FESTIVAL CELEBRATED*

(IPPA photo)

Kindergarten class in Metulla on Israel's border with Lebanon takes part in pre-Purim celebration.

# U.S. behind accusations

**TEL AVIV [ZINS] —**

The well-informed military expert of Haaretz, Zeev Schiff, writes that members of the State Department and the Pentagon, who are far from being friends of Israel, are behind the articles in the New York Times and Aviation Week in which Israel is accused of exploiting American technology in order to compete with American exports of arms.

The aim of these articles is to influence the American administration to limit the transfer of American technology to Israel. Basing himself on sources within Israel's Ministry of Defence, Schiff states that the argument regarding Israel's competition with the American weapons industry borders on the ridiculous.

He points out that the most important Israeli companies that deal with the export of military components are in partnership with American firms. He cites the Israeli Tadiran company, which is active in the export of electronics and which is in partnership with the American General Telephone Electronics company, as an example.

He also mentions three Israeli establishments which produce parts for planes and are in partnership with the American Austin.

# *Matzah shipments banned by Soviets*

**NEW YORK —**

Shipment of Passover matzah to the USSR has been banned, according to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

Russian authorities have decreed products with flour may no longer be sent in.

SSSJ National Chairman Rabbi Steven Riskin said: "the timing of the announcement — just when Passover matzah shipments to the USSR are in full swing — makes it clear that the Kremlin's aim is to remove from the Seder table the 'bread of affliction' which is so powerful a bond between Soviet Jews, their ancient heritage, and their future freedom.

"The small amount of matzah permitted to be baked in the USSR does not begin to meet even the most minimum Jewish needs. Few other items with flour content are shipped to Russia."

# Bank's assets reach $7 billion in 1976

**TEL-AVIV —**

Bank Hapoalim, which opened a Canadian representative office in Toronto during 1976 headed by Shimon Topor, has reported that its consolidated assets exceeded $7.1 billion at the end of 1976, compared to $6 billion in 1975.

In spite of the intense competition for funds among the major banks, total deposits increased to $6.3 billion.

The net profit reached $22.5 million as against $18.5 million in 1975, an increase of 22%. These increases were achieved despite the substantial devaluation of the Israeli pound in relation to the U.S. dollar.

The bank decided to distribute bonus shares at the rate of 20% in addition to a cash dividend of 12.5% on ordinary shares and 15.5% on ordinary preferred shares.

The international network of the bank has been expanded and consists of a branch in New York, where a second branch is about to be opened, two branches in London, wholly-owned subsidiaries in Switzerland and the Cayman Islands and representative offices in Toronto, Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo and Caracas.

In addition to that, the Bank Hapoalim Group includes AMPAL — American Israel Corporation, which is an investment corporation founded 35 years ago in the U.S.

# *Share capital increase*

**NEW YORK —**

IDB Bankholding Corporation Limited, parent of Israel Discount Bank Limited has announced it was submitting to shareholders a recommendation that the company's authorized share capital be increased from $72.2 million to $127.8 million.

$16.6 million of the proposed increase in authorized capital will consist of 1,500,000 of the new class of Redeemable Convertible Preference "A" shares, par value $11.11 each, and the balance will consist of ordinary shares to be available upon conversion of the preference shares and for other corporate purposes.

These Preference "A" shares bear a dividend of 8% per annum linked to the U.S. dollar and are currently convertible into ordinary shares of the company on the basis of one Preference "A" share for two ordinary shares.

If the increase in capital is approved, the company announced its plans to make a public offering of one million Preference "A" shares in Israel. For this purpose, a draft prospectus has already been submitted to the Israel Securities Authority and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

# Students rejected

**MANCHESTER [JCNS] -**

By a large majority, the Arab-dominated Students' Union at Salford University rejected the Jewish Society's application to distribute Zionist literature on the campus and invite guest speakers to its meetings.

The ruling means that Jews will not be able to challenge Arab-sponsored union motions, like the notorious one last year which branded Zionism as "racist and fascist."

"We are being forced to form an Israel-based group, just so the Arabs can crush it," said the Jewish Society's chairman, Elissa Feingold. "If we do nothing, we will turn into an underground organization," she said.

# *Alter dies*

**JERUSALEM [JTA] —**

Some 50,000 persons attended the funeral service of the Chassidic rabbi of Gur, Rabbi Israel Alter, who died here last week at the age of 82.

The stream of people followed the rabbi's bier from the Orthodox Geula quarter through East Jerusalem to the burial site on the Mount of Olives. At the rabbi's request, there were no eulogies.

Alter headed the largest Chassidic sect in Israel, with branches in New York City, London, Antwerp and other cities with Orthodox Jews. His followers, numbering in the tens of thousands, were, however, the decimated remnants of what had been the largest Chassidic movement in pre-Hitler Europe.

# Open letter to the Jewish community

## From: Milton E. Harris, President : Toronto Jewish Congress

**At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of The Toronto Jewish Congress, the decision of the Government of France in regard to the Abu Daoud affair was discussed. As a result, the Toronto Jewish Congress, while not calling for any specific action by the Jewish Community, would like to make it very clear that the following letter by Elie Wiesel in the New York Times to President Giscard d'Estaing of France expresses our dismay and our concern:**

Dear Mr. President:

It is because of my love for France, and my respect for its people, that I feel compelled to express to you my sadness and my indignation – shared by many other Americans – over your handling of the Abu Daoud affair.

Although born in Eastern Europe, I owe France more than I owe my own native land. I owe France my secular education, my language, and my career as a writer.

Liberated from Buchenwald, it was in France that I found compassion and humanity. It was in France that I found generosity and friendship. It was in France that I discovered the other side, the brighter side, of mankind.

I was proud of France.

France, to me, represented humanity's highest values in a sterile and cynical society. It evoked Rousseau and Bergson, Proust and Zola, Camus and Mauriac. It symbolized an inspiring quest for justice and brotherhood. In France, I thought, the word humanism does not make people laugh.

Yes, I was proud of France.

France, the birthplace of revolutions against tyranny. France, the ally of our American independence. France, the herald of human rights. France, haven for the persecuted. France and its freedom fighters. France and its Resistance. France, and its response to Dreyfus.

No nation had so much prestige. No culture was as readily accepted. No example as universally extolled.

And now, Mr. President?

Now, what has become of France?

Its moral leadership is gone, and its luster tarnished in the eyes of men of conscience. In fact, few countries have lost so much prestige so quickly. What has become of France?

It has betrayed its own traditions.

France has become as cynical as the rest of the world.

Why did your government free Abu Daoud?

And why so hastily?

He lied under oath about his false identity.

Why wasn't he held until Germany or Israel could offer evidence of his crime?

Why was he allowed to leave Paris in the comfort of a first class airline seat, when 11 Israeli athletes left Munich in coffins?

Your prime minister claims that the courts were not politically motivated. Does anyone believe him in your country?

Not in mine.

In my country we believe that France quite simply, and quite shockingly, yielded to killers' blackmail, oil merchants' bribery, and the chance to sell some fighter planes. And in doing that, France deliberately humiliated the victims' widows and orphans, and insulted the memory of their dead.

Are you surprised the world responded with dismay and outrage?

Your own people rose to speak out against you.

Because while you have visited Auschwitz, you have forgotten its lesson.

But then, in truth, one should have expected nothing else from France today. In recent years the signs have multiplied.

Offensive statements. Sneering remarks. Sudden policy reversals. Strange alliances. Broken promises. One-sided embargoes. The Cherbourg affair. The Mirage sale. French governments have rarely missed an opportunity to demonstrate their hostility to Israel and the Jewish people.

For ideological reasons?

Much worse: purely for money.

Yes, Mr. President, I used to be proud of France and what it stood for. I no longer am.

Elie Wiesel

*The New York Times, Thursday, January 20, 1977*


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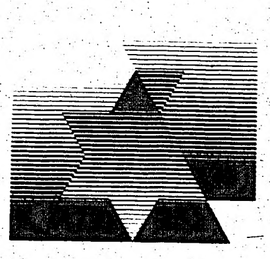

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**History**

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# Israel quiz offers a trip to Holy Land

**TORONTO —**

Within the framework of Israel Independence Day celebrations this year, a quiz on the history of Israel from 1880 up to the Yom Kippur War in 1973 is being arranged. This quiz , which will be conducted in two unrelated stages, will be based on the book **Israel Pocket Library — History from 1880.**

The first stage will require written response to 80 questions contained on a question sheet which will be distributed together with the books free of charge. Distribution centres are being set up at most Jewish institutions in Metropolitan Toronto. The question sheets will also shortly be published in The Canadian Jewish News. This stage of the quiz will be open to all members of the community with no age or any other qualification being set.

The completed question sheets are to be mailed to the Organizing Committee, Israel Quiz 1977, 788 Marlee Ave., Toronto. All those submitting 100% correct responses will be eligible to participate in a draw with the top prize being a round-trip ticket to Israel. Various Ontario communities outside of Metropolitan Toronto will be participating in this stage of the quiz in co-operation with the United Israel Appeal, Ontario Region.

The second stage of the quiz will be competitive and limited in age to those born on Hey Iyar 5717 (May 6, 1957) or thereafter. Each group or school will select by a process of elimination one representative to participate in a final contest which will be held at a public and festive ceremony on Yom Ha'atzmaut. Several prizes, including round-trip tickets to Israel, participation in a Jewish summer camp, scholarships to Israeli universities will be awarded to the finalists.

For further information concerning this stage of the quiz, pleas phone 781-4660 or write to the Organizing Committee, Israel Quiz 1977, 788 Marlee Ave., Toronto.

*Arrest followed Toronto phone call*

# Release Soviet activists

**TORONTO [Staff] —**

Three Soviet Jewish activists — arrested during a long-distance conversation with Toronto — have been released, after a search at militia headquarters and confiscation of property.

The three were holding a weekly phone talk with Genya Intrator, vice-chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress Committee for Soviet Jewry, following a sit-in by 65 Moscow refuseniks at the Soviet Praesidium.

During the telephone call, Vladimir Prestin, Pavel Abramovich and Victor Yelistratov were taken from an apartment by the police and released shortly after, because of publicity surrounding the arrest, said Mrs. Intrator.

The dissidents were describing to her the demonstrations at Interior Ministry offices and sit-ins in 16 Soviet cities to demand emigration rights. Yelistratov broke into the conversation: "We have to say goodbye; we are invited to go to the militia." Added Abramovich: "We are leaving now; I am sure that we will find some way to contact you in the future, and then we will speak again."

During the phone call, the activists described the persecution of Dr. Naum Salansky, a Vilnius physicist, who has been persistently harassed and prevented from joining his ailing mother in Israel.

They also detailed a telegram sent to authorities regarding the case of 23-year-old Amner Zavurov, handed a three-year prison term for hooliganism while on the verge of emigrating.

Two of the activist-refuseniks — Prestin and Abramovich — were arrested and held 15 days after the December symposium on Soviet culture. All three dissidents were members of the symposium's organizing committee and were harassed, detained and prevented from presenting papers at the conference.

Vladimir Prestin

Pavel Abramavich

# *Labor Minister Munro to be ORT Day guest*

**By MOURA WOLPERT**

**HAMILTON —**

Federal Minister of Labor John Munro will be a special guest on ORT Day — and Anne Teitelman will definitely not have a camel in her basement as part of the celebrations.

Following his recent trip to Israel, where he also visited the ORT School of Engineering, the labor minister will be the guest speaker at a function organized by Hamilton Women's and Men's ORT in honor of ORT Day on Monday, March 14 at 8:15 p.m. at Beth Jacob synagogue.

As for the camel, that was a suggestion made last year by one happily departing guest who was so impressed by the lavish Mideastern setting of her party in aid of ORT, that he wondered what Mrs. Teitelman could possibly do to top it. Next time, he said, only a live camel would do!

A live camel as centrepiece may not be very practical, but when your basement has been transformed from functional North American to Arabian Nights sumptuousness, it's a natural for exotic entertainments. Inspired by a recent trip to Greece, the president of Hamilton Women's ORT has invited a limited number of guests to "come and dance the Syrtaki" and enjoy live Greek entertainment and gourmet foods as a prelude to the more serious business of ORT Day a couple of days later. At $100 per couple, like last year's party, it will be a fund-raiser.

Around noon on a cold winter day in Burlington, Mrs. Teitelman's basement seems like something out of another world and from another century — the harem quarters of a pasha maybe, or the tent of a wealthy desert sheikh.

Seated in an alcove by a round table covered with the same red, black and gold fabric that is draped from the ceiling, surrounded by mirrors, gleaming black and red lacquer and an assortment of lamps and knick-knacks from the Orient, near and far, Mrs. Teitelman is very down-to-earth as she discusses Hamilton ORT.

Her term as president will be over in June and she has nothing but praise "for the girls who have worked so diligently for us." For its size — close to 200 members — they are "a very dedicated group," she says. "We were lucky to be able to harness some of the younger girls." But she deplores the fact that some feel that to support one group is enough.

"We must all support every group," she states emphatically. "Each one is different and one organization cannot support all of Israel. It's a sore spot with me," adds Mrs. Teitelman, who was chairman of the women's division of State of Israel Bonds before becoming ORT president.

A recent get-acquainted meeting at her home brought in a few more members, but not as many as she would have liked to see. However, the past year has been a successful one, and the major fund-raising event, usually a theatre night, is still to come.

In addition to John Munro, guests on ORT Day will include four outstanding ORT students from schools in Iran, Latin America, India and Morocco, who are visiting Canada on a grant from CIDA, the Canadian International Development Agency.

A student award will be made in honor of former Hamilton mayor Victor K. Copps, and a musical interlude will feature soprano Charlotte Price accompanied on the piano by Dolores Green.

# Book drive

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A nationwide campaign has been started to collect a minimum of 100,000 signatures on a petition protesting the publication of a book by a professor of Northwestern University in Chicago which claims that the Nazis did not exterminate Jews during World War II.

Prof. Arthur Butz, who teaches electrical engineering at the university, titled his book **The Hoax of the Twentieth Century.**

# *Holocaust guides actions of Israelis*

**By A. J. ARNOLD**

**WINNIPEG —**

The Holocaust does not belong to the past, said Ambassador Mordecai Shalev of Israel in a recent address here.

"Israel's actions are influenced by Jewish experience during the Holocaust years," he told board members of the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada at a dinner meeting.

He cited the Entebbe rescue as the outstanding example of a situation in which the Holocaust influence was very strong. But it wasn't always that way, he admitted.

"We tried to suppress the Holocaust memory," he explained, "during the first decade and a half following Israel's establishment." But all that changed with the capture and trial of Adolph Eichmann, Shalev recalled.

"The memory of the Holocaust is often in my mind," the ambassador confessed, "as I enter the chancelleries of world nations. I know that I am not there on my own or only as the representative of Israel. I often feel that I am accompanied by generations past and particularly by the victims of the Holocaust."

This gave him a "feeling of solitude," Shalev said, which was the same as when he served with other Jewish soldiers in the Palestinian regiment of the British Army during World War II.

"Although we all wore the same uniform and had the same common enemy to overcome," he explained, "there was an abyss between Jewish and British soldiers because of what was happening to the Jews in Europe. We already had the determination to change the status of the Jewish people after the war."

The ambassador recalled an incident at Benghazi, Libya, in 1943, when the soldiers from Palestine, while celebrating one of the Jewish festivals, decided to fly the Star of David flag.

It created a major incident between the Jewish Agency and the British authorities and Moshe Shertok (later Sharret) was summoned to British headquarters in Cairo and given an ultimatum that the Jewish battalion would be disbanded if it happened again.

Winston Churchill helped to stop this ultimatum, Shalev related, and later with Churchill's support the Palestine regiment became the Jewish Brigade with official permission to fly the Jewish flag.

The shameful refusal of the Allied High Command to attack and possibly destroy the Nazi death camps was also recalled by the ambassador. He saw this as one more reason why "the memory of the Holocaust cannot be excluded, at least from our subconscious."

Shalev came to Winnipeg to receive from the Jewish Historical Society a copy of the film **It Must be Told**, to be transmitted to Yad Vashem in Israel.

This film consists of interviews with three Holocaust survivors: John Hirsch, Rabbi Peretz Weizman, and Paul Berger. It was produced several years ago for the first major Jewish museum exhibit in Western Canada.

After viewing the film later the same evening with an audience of some 300 at Shaarey Zedek synagogue, the ambassador commented: "This film is not only for ourselves. It is important for others to have an understanding of our history and our presence."

He stated that during the short period of about a year that he has been in Canada, there have been two occasions in which he has experienced "an instantaneous reaction from Jews and non-Jews" in response to special incidents affecting Israel.

One was on the night of Entebbe when he received many messages of support sent spontaneously from people in all walks of life and in French as well as English. These people understood that Jewish history had greatly changed with the establishment of the state of Israel, he said.

Another similar moment of special public reaction, the ambassador commented, was "when a well-known terrorist was released" — an obvious reference to the action of France in releasing Abu Daoud.


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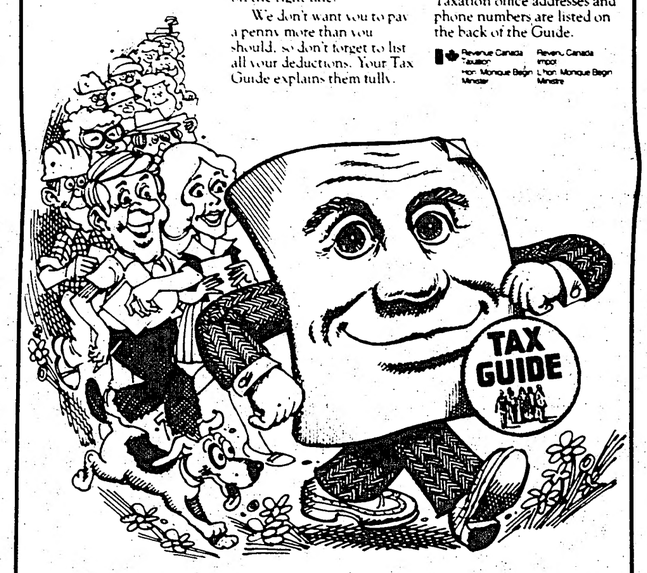




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## Labor on the brink

The ruling Israeli Labor Party, not Defence Minister Shimon Peres, may have been the ultimate loser in last week's nomination race for the premiership. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, beating back Mr. Peres' challenge for the second time in three years, won by an incredibly slim margin of 41 votes. Close to 3,000 delegates were present when the vote was taken, and it could hardly be said that the incumbent emerged as the candidate of all the people.

That Shimon Peres, a protege of the late David Ben-Gurion, managed to wring 1,404 votes from the assemblage in Tel Aviv was symptomatic of the deep cleavages which affect the decrepit Labor Party.

The party is deeply — and perhaps fatally — divided over foreign and domestic issues. Mr. Peres would be inclined to dilute the party's commitment to democratic socialism. It appears that Mr. Rabin would not. Mr. Peres' campaign managers promised to reform a scandal-ridden economy and to curb strikes. Those in the Rabin camp were just as concerned about corruption and the endless series of strikes that have all but crippled the economy. Yet, in the eyes of much of the public, Prime Minister Rabin was squarely identified with the moral rot that has eaten into the lifeblood of the country.

In foreign affairs, Mr. Rabin's managers boasted of the Sinai II agreement and of the tranquility which has settled over the often explosive frontiers. But those supporting Mr. Peres accused his opponent of giving in to American pressure, and of adopting an unacceptably hard line toward extremist Jewish settlers, who claim the West Bank is part and parcel of the historic Jewish homeland.

Yet the party debate struck rancorous personal notes as well. Yitzhak Rabin, a quiet, introspective man not known for his diplomacy, has never been a popular figure, either among the rank-and-file or with the electorate. He has always lacked the charisma of Golda Meir and the toughness of Ben-Gurion. His critics charged that he, unlike Shimon Peres, was unsuitable as a national leader of a country under economic and political siege.

In the aftermath of the party congress, Messrs. Rabin and Peres were optimistic. Mr. Rabin declared: "I believe that from this moment on we are all united...." Mr. Peres, though bowled over by his narrow defeat, said: "We can go together to the election without being sorry...we emerged more united and more proud."

Call it political rhetoric rather than the real truth. Despite their effusive comments, the Labor Party is in shambles. There are no guarantees that all 1,404 delegates who supported Mr. Peres' candidacy will fall neatly into line now or during the crucial months leading up to the May 17 election. Indeed, with disaffection running at such a high level, the possibility exists that some of his backers may defect to the Likud or to the new, surging Democratic Movement for Change.

Moreover, the party's poor image has not been cleansed. It is still identified with the corruption which has dogged it since the spate of financial scandals first burst upon the scene after the Yom Kippur War. For a growing number of alienated Israelis, Labor represents cronyism in high — and low — places. It is seen as a party out of tune with the times and terribly enmeshed in outworn ideological rhetoric. Whether the people rebel at the ballot box remains to be seen.

With the winds of change blowing across the land, the burning question is whether the Likud or Yigael Yadin's DMC can capitalize on the discontent. Likud holds 36 seats in the Knesset, 14 less than the Labor-Mapam Alignment. If its perennial leader, Menachem Begin, can join forces with the National Religious Party, which has 10 seats, he may make a credible run for Yitzhak Rabin's job. On the other hand, Mr. Yadin's party may split the Labor vote and inadvertently hand over the premiership to Mr. Begin. Certainly, Menachem Begin has never had a better opportunity to win. But if he loses this time around, the Young Turks may try to oust him.

At first glance, it therefore appears that Labor, with or without Mr. Rabin, faces defeat in May. But in the conservative world of Israeli politics, where resistance to abrupt change is most formidable, anything may happen. In the disillusioning months after the 1973 war, Labor was in trouble. But it won the December election with Mrs. Meir at the helm. Yitzhak Rabin, however, is not Golda Meir, and the problems today are more complex than four years ago. This is why the Labor Party may have lost the election — three months in advance.

## A perplexing problem

The Yiddish phrase shver tzu sein a Yid is redolent of a period in Jewish life when the pressures of a hostile Gentile environment made it difficult for a Jew to earn his livelihood, bring up his children and observe his religion.

Happily, those dark days of discrimination belong, for the most part, to the remote past. Today in North America Jews live and flourish in one of the freest societies known to the history of civilization.

Yet in certain ways it is still hard for segments of the Jewish community to observe their Judaism to the fullest degree. The new problems facing Orthodox Jews in Toronto derive not from external pressures but from the economic laws of the marketplace.

Jewish tradition requires that a Jew purchase his living quarters close to a synagogue so as not to violate the rabbinical interdiction against driving on the sabbath. While for many Jews this is not a significant problem, members of the Orthodox community may not compromise on this question.

Due to a series of political and economic factors, the housing situation in Toronto, especially in neighborhoods adjacent to synagogues, has become a complicating factor in the observance of Jewish religious principles.

A glance at real estate prices listed in The Canadian Jewish News itself points to the fact that the average wage-earner in the Jewish community cannot hope to purchase a home in the very area which the demands of conscience require him to do in order to be able to worship with a minyan on the sabbath.

Nor does the situation appear to be improving. The desirability of Toronto as a place to live has attracted immigrants from Europe and the United States, not to speak of other parts of Canada. This has led to a further escalation of housing prices in general and in Jewish neighborhoods in particular.

But there is some irony in a situation where the desire to live among one's people and its houses of worship is thwarted neither by legislation nor discrimination but by economic factors.

Among the many problems which have faced individual observant Jews historically, this is one of the newest and most perplexing.

## Confused priorities

*White Man unite, unite to save your nation*
*America, for which we fought and toiled*
*Our racial enemies swarm 'round us in elation*
*The snake of Zion has us in its coils.*

These precious lines, part of the White Power Hymn, come to you courtesy of the Liberty Bell movement in Reedy, West Virginia. Liberty Bell is fanatically racist and its literature preaches an implacable message of hatred against Jews, Blacks, trade unionists, liberals and other "undesirables" who pollute the atmosphere by their very presence.

It is hard to know exactly what motivates the sick and perverted minds who join racist fringe groups. But at least this is certain: the outrage they vent against society is historic and deep-rooted, as Basya Hunter's current, powerful play, **Johannes and the Talmud**, amply demonstrates.

The scurrilous material published by hate organizations is largely disseminated through the public mails, a commentary in itself.

Everyone has the right to his or her beliefs. This credo is enshrined in the American constitution and in the Canadian Bill of Rights. The real question, however, is what the limits of freedom are. Is incitement to racial hatred a component of the basic four freedoms? The issue remains far from resolved, and it is our guess that many years will elapse before the courts attempt to grapple with it.

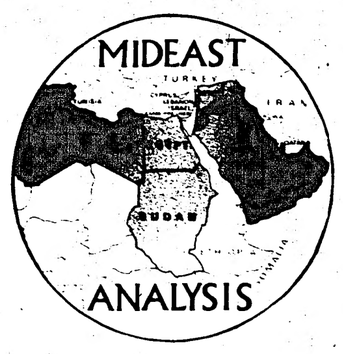
Our contention is that a fine line must be drawn between absolute freedom and relative freedom. Libertarian opponents of this view might argue that it is tantamount to thought control. We would disagree. Totalitarians — and this is what the purveyors of hate literature are — would abridge and ultimately destroy the freedom which civil libertarians take for granted. Democracy can only be saved if its would-be destroyers are held in check.

The final, though related, point we wish to make is the dubious distinction governmental authorities draw between hate literature and pornographic obscenity. Hate literature is more or less disregarded by law enforcement agencies as harmless and irrelevant. Pornography, however, triggers feelings of ire, disgust and utter revulsion.

Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt was recently sentenced to seven to 25 years in the Ohio Penitentiary and fined $10,000 for publishing a periodical which a judge ruled to be obscene. We do not recall the last time the publisher of a hate publication was convicted of obscenity. Is pandering to hate to be condoned? Is pornography the worst of all crimes in comparison to disseminating racial discrimination?

The questions beg urgent answers. Surely a society has its priorities confused when it seeks to stamp out pornography without even attempting to snuff out racial obscenity.

# Weary of war and poverty, many Egyptians desire peace




By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Not since the revolutionary days of 1952 had Egypt been shaken by such insurrection. The January riots, which erupted in Alexandria and spread as far south as Aswan, were the worst since the late Gamal Abdel Nasser engineered the anti-monarchist coup 25 years ago. Seventy-nine people were killed and material damage ran into the tens of millions of dollars.

Although President Sadat blamed the riots on "Communists and their allies", and charged that they were part of an "overall plan to burn down Cairo and overthrow the government", cooler heads attributed the nation-wide outbursts to the government's sudden announcement that the price of many subsidized staple foods would be increased by as much as 100%.

In a land where the annual per capita income is about $275, the news came as a crushing blow. No wonder rampaging mobs sacked the palatial home of the country's vice-president, threw rocks at German and American cars and burned nightclubs — symbols of wealth in Egypt.

(Sheldon Kirshner photo)

Downtown Cairo, full of imported cars and glittering shops, was the scene of mob violence in mid-January. The food riots have made President Anwar Sadat a wiser politician.

Political dissidents — Moslem Brothers and Communists — may have had a very slight hand in channeling the energies of the demonstrators. But anyone who has ever visited Egypt and been struck by its utter poverty would have realized that the riots were probably a spontaneous eruption of discontent, caused by the impoverished state of the economy rather than by political malcontents.

Indeed, a Kuwaiti newspaper, Al-Ra'i al-Am, ridiculing Sadat's claim that Communist influence had sparked the riots, asked editorially whether such assertions were intended to frighten oil-rich Arab states and pressure them into increasing their already substantial financial aid.

Egypt's basic problem is that it does not produce enough to keep its rapidly growing population of 38 million adequately fed and clothed. Foreign debt exceeds the gross national product and Cairo must borrow to make payments on its loans. This year's trade deficit is expected to exceed $3.3 billion.

Other countries unable to support their population through agriculture make up the imbalance through industrialization. To date, however, Egypt has not succeeded in establishing the kind of industry that would create exports to pay for the imports that have become increasingly expensive in recent years.

In addition to the enormous debts the country has incurred as a result of four major wars, Egypt's economy has received tremendous jolts. President Nasser pushed the economy one way when he nationalized industry and imposed a form of socialism. His successor has pushed Egypt in the opposite direction with his "open door" policy of encouraging free enterprise and Western investment.

The result, as one acute observer put it, is a ravaged economy — neither socialist nor capitalist — that has been unable to make gains in the face of the pressure brought to bear by a population explosion. It is estimated that Egypt needs a minimum of $10 billion in investments over the next four years to enable the average Egyptian to maintain his presently decreasing standard of living.

For the last two years, Western banks and governments — as well as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and the International Monetary Fund — have exerted great pressure on Egypt to make its economy more acceptable to foreign investment by cutting down on the huge food subsidies that continually drain the treasury.

It was a persuasive argument from a purely economic point of view. In the aftermath of the demonstrations, it is no longer applicable. The question that faces the country now is how to reconcile the need for economic reform with that of pacifying the hungry masses.

In spite of the riots, President Sadat remains a popular figure, particularly in the eyes of the middle class. But the lessons he has learned have made him a wiser politician.

He now realizes that foreign policy successes and internal political reforms are not enough. The ousting of 20,000 Russian advisors in 1972, the launching of the Yom Kippur War and the establishment of close relations with the United States do nothing for people who are on the brink of starvation. Neither is it relevant to them that President Sadat suppressed the power of the secret service and allowed the first relatively free parliamentary elections since 1953.

The question uppermost in the minds of most Egyptians is bread, not military grandeur or flights of political freedom. This mood was best described by Mustaf Amin in Cairo's Akhbar al-Yom when he suggested that Egypt proclaim a 10-year moratorium on involvement in the Arab-Israeli dispute and invest the sums thus saved in rebuilding the creaky economy. (At the present, 43% of the $17 billion annual budget is devoted to defence.)

Amin's suggestion, though somewhat far-fetched in the context of the current Egyptian political scene, may yet strike a sympathetic chord. The country is obviously weary of war and yearns to disengage itself from the Arab-Israeli quagmire. Whether January's food riots heighten the mood expressed by Amin is still very much of an open question, however.

## At one time, Jewish, Arab relationship was promising

Landmark Events In Our History

By ROCHELLE CARR

The letter, dated March 3, 1919 and addressed to Felix Frankfurter, began, in part: "We feel that the Arabs and Jews are cousins in race...and by a happy coincidence have been able to take the first step towards the attainment of their national ideals together."

The correspondence, sent to Frankfurter in his capacity as a member of the American Zionist delegation at the Paris Peace Conference following World War I, was signed by Feisal Ibn-Hussein, who, two years later, would become king of Iraq.

Paris in those days was filled with a hope of worldwide brotherhood which was supposed to be fulfilled under President Woodrow Wilson's dream of a League of Nations. In addition, it was a time to overturn huge empires that had swallowed up vast numbers of different minorities. The ultimate goal was to allow minorities to become autonomous groups within their own explicitly demarcated territories.

The altruistic atmosphere prevailing in the French capital gave headaches to those who were confronted with what seemed to be insurmountable obstacles. On the other hand, it gave hope to many groups, such as the Arabs and Jews, that their nationalistic aspirations would shortly come to fruition.

It was in that heady atmosphere that Feisal wrote to Frankfurter about how he viewed both the Zionist and Arab movements as being "national and not imperialist." In the same correspondence, he explained to the eminent American jurist that his delegation regarded the aims of the Zionist movement to be "moderate and proper".

He went on to say that the Jews had his group's support and that "we wish the Jews a most hearty welcome home."

As well, correspondence two months earlier between Feisal and Chaim Weizmann bore the seeds of an equally congenial future between the two groups.

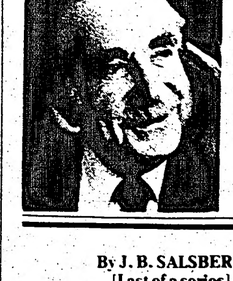
Aside from the optimistic atmosphere in post-war Paris and the usual social amenities to follow when one leader contacts another, there were still signs, within the correspondence, that some type of agreement might have been worked out at that time, between Arab and Jew.

However, the propitious moment came and went. Many hopes were dashed and, as history would record, many problems created the moment the great powers affixed their names to the documents that "rearranged" the world, in the great halls at Versailles.

At one point in Arab-Jewish relations on the Middle East, there seemed that a good chance of amicability between the two groups might possibly be effected. In 1931, however, 10 years after Feisal became king of Iraq, he officially announced that he could not remember such correspondence between him and Weizmann and Frankfurter.

Unfortunately, the struggle for the "cousins" to live together harmoniously in the Middle East was to continue along an even bumpier road.

## *A cantor and a Temple soloist were Lady Eaton's proteges*



By J. B. SALSBERG
[Last of a series]

Well, my patient readers, at last I have some glad tidings. I'm happy to inform you that the good people of Toronto seem to be gradually emerging from the deep trauma caused by the physical demise of the old Eaton emporium and its reincarnation into a shockingly immodest "Timothy E" image.

After a month of bewilderment, Torontonians are making a slow recovery. They seem to be resigned to their fate and, like post-operational patients, they are again displaying interest in the world around them. Uncle Eliezer tells me that some of them even took an interest in Prime Minister Trudeau's visit to Washington.

That being the case, I have no desire to prolong the convalescence by rekindling memories of Eaton's of old. But the Jewish angle cannot, after all, be left out entirely. So here goes.

My own boyhood connection with Eaton's was based on three commodities — perfume, butter and celluloid collars.

My mother's English, after our arrival, was less than minimal, and what could be less? I, her eldest, picked up enough English in public school and in the street to run errands for her. Of all such duties, the excursions to Eaton's, a gallop from the College-Spadina area where we lived, to fetter Yittens, on Queen and Yonge streets, was the most pleasant.

My mother, always meticulous about her appearance, was advised to use a perfume that she and I pronounced as "Dirkiss". It was an Eaton specialty and periodically I went for a 25 cent refill of the stuff. I would appear before the buxom saleslady behind the perfume counter, give her the empty little bottle and the quarter and say, "twenty-five cents Dirkiss, pliss." The woman smiled at me, counted a few drops from an eye-dropper into my bottle, corked it and returned it to me with a lilting, "thank yooou!"

Once a year, to be exact on Jan. 20, I would be sent to Eaton's to get a year's supply of white celluloid collars for my father. He who hasn't seen the annual Eaton's five-cent collar sale 50 years ago hasn't seen anything.

Timothy E., Simpsons and all your specialty shops, boutiques, etc. couldn't recreate that annual spectacle if they all stood on their heads. Fortunately I was young and small and managed to burrow my way through the impenetrable human forest that engulfed the area where rows of long tables were loaded with zillions of collars of every shape, width and size and all selling for five cents each. What joy it was to survive with a handful of collars of the right sizes!

More frequently, I would be asked to "jump down to Eaton's" (about a mile away) to get a pound of fresh butter. Butter? Yes, butter. My father and his friends decided that Eaton's butter-churning department, on the fifth floor, was turning out fresh butter that was kosher. For there, in front of one's eyes, simple machines would turn, twist and tumble wooden barrels that produced golden mounds of butter and the sweetest buttermilk this side of the Atlantic.

It was a real treat to jump down to Eaton's, fly up to the fifth floor, get a pound or two of fresh, kosher butter, drink a glass of buttermilk-nectar and romp home to Cecil Street.

Uncle Eliezer insists that I go on telling of such experiences in connection with fetter Eaton or Yittens. But the editor wants me to finish this series here and now. But whatever else I may skip, I just must tell you how the late Lady Eaton, Sir John's wife, helped train an Orthodox cantor (chazzan) and a prominent Temple soloist.

It was said then that Lady Eaton was a musicologist in her own right and that she was a liberal patroness of the arts. All this became known when Agnes Street buzzed with the story that Lady Eaton was "paying" for the music lessons of Yosele Shlisky, a young man from Poland with a voice like that of the renowned cantor Yosele Rosenblat of New York. It was true, too. Shlisky left for the U.S. and meteored as a new star on the chazzanic scene. Unfortunately he passed away in early life.

The second Lady Eaton protege was Irving (Itchke) Levine. I got to know Itchke very well in later years. He was a millinery worker and a beautiful singer. He, too, was helped by Lady Eaton in his musical studies.

Itchke became a frequent soloist in the old Tivoli and other theatres, during the silent movie days. He was also a prominent soloist in the Holy Blossom Temple and...in the Timothy Eaton Church!

I remember Itchke telling me of a crisis he was once in.

It was on a Jewish holiday that coincided with a special occasion in the church. He had important solos to sing at both places that morning. How was he to manage it? With the connivance of the music directors of both institutions, he finished a solo at Holy Blossom, rushed out to a waiting taxi that brought him to the Timothy Eaton Church in time to sing his solo there, and then drove back to Holy Blossom in the same taxi.

Itchke was apologetic when he told me the story. "I couldn't disappoint the Eatons, you understand. After all..." It was clear, Itchke Levine was not an ungrateful person.

And so we take leave of the old, fetter Eaton era. "Will 'Timothy E' ever become our uncle? I asked uncle Eliezer. He smiled and said, "with such a name?"

Montreal businessmen Danny Albert and Norman Spector...

# They advocated energy conservation long before shortage

Norman Spector (left), executive vice-president and Daniel J. Albert, president S. Albert & Co. Ltd., of Montreal show off their electro charger, electric car. The largest fuel dealer in Quebec, company is presenting brief on the fuel crisis to the government.

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Back in the days when oil sold for about a dollar a barrel, and petroleum was so plentiful few could believe the well would one day run almost dry, two Montreal oilmen were busy thinking up ways to offset the energy crisis they sensed was coming.

Danny Albert and Norman Spector, president and vice-president, respectively, of S. Albert & Co., the largest fuel dealer in Quebec today, as early as 20 years ago made the development of products to increase energy conservation, to protect the environment and to preserve the ecology a top priority.

In recognition of their contribution to this now vitally important problem, Albert and Spector have been asked by the Quebec government to present a brief on the fuel crisis and are meeting with Energy Minister Claude Joron this week.

"We were preaching energy conservation when no one was listening," said Spector, who joined the company in 1955: "It not only makes good economic sense (oil is now selling for as high as $15 a barrel), or being a good citizen, but also defuses the political clout of the Arabs."

The pair's inventiveness seems almost limitless. Their electrocharger auto won first prize in its class in the Detroit Motor Show in 1975. Being electric, it has no polluting exhaust, and from the owner's standpoint, it is almost maintenance free — short of watering the batteries monthly and checking the power cells each year.

A multi-fuel furnace developed by Albert and Spector, which will burn wood, coal, gas, oil, electricity and propane gas, is unique in the world. Another project, a chimney heat exchanger, has made possible the growing of vegetables and flowers in a greenhouse atop the University Settlement House on St. Urbain Street this winter.

The heat exchanger lowers the temperature of smoke emitted from the furnace, absorbing, through a substance called glycol, heat for the plants, while the waste gases continue up the chimney. The heat exchanger was put in operation with the joint cooperation of the federal government and Grace Institute of MacDonald College.

A solar collector, the first in Quebec and already installed in one Montreal home, can provide 60% of the heating requirements of a Canadian home. Albert and Spector say of their current pet project. Their's is one of about seven solar collectors now heating homes in Canada.

Albert and Spector will impress upon the Quebec government that solar energy be considered one of the most important alternative fuels for the future even in Canada's severe climate.

In all, the two teammates have dreamed up 15 heating and energy devices and have no plans to stop now. "It's a must; it's our responsibility, and fuel conservation and protection of the environment has to become an ethic with everyone."

Albert and Spector have received numerous letters in recent years from both Canadian and American legislators. They became well-known locally with their syndicated column that appeared for several years in the Gazette and the Suburban.

The questions asked by readers provided the basis for their 1972 book, **Man and his Home**, which was later translated into French and sold 60,000 copies in Canada. In the United States, it was entitled **Mr. Fix-It.**

It's not surprising that S. Albert & Co. has been a leader in alleviating fuel shortage problems. Danny's father, Abraham Albert, who founded the company in 1905, was appointed during World War II by the Canadian government to serve as a member of the Wartime Fuel Committee, created to see that available fuel supplies were equitably distributed.

# Should noshrim be treated differently from yordim?

*The recent decision of the United States Justice Department to waive normal visa requirements and speed up "on parole" immigration for 4,000 Soviet Jews, will reduce by about half the average waiting period of between three and four months while their applications are considered, writes Tullia Zevi, the Jewish Chronicle correspondent in this up-to-date survey of the present situation.*

ROME —

Departures have already begun under the new provisions, but the decision has aroused contrasting feelings among some 3,500 former Soviet Jews staying in shabby rooms and making a bare living in the sea resort of Ostia, some 15 miles southwest of Rome.

The Soviet Jews are in two groups, the noshrim and the yordim, but the yordim are not eligible for this "extra-quota" emigration because they are not regarded as refugees from racial or political persecution.

The noshrim (from the Hebrew nosher, fruit falling from a tree) have "dropped out" of going to Israel, the destination specified in their departure documents. They seek instead to go to other countries once they arrive at the Vienna transit centre after leaving the Soviet Union.

The noshrim are sent to Rome, where the United HIAS Service, the worldwide migration agency; the American Joint Distribution Committee and ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) help them from their arrival and departure to the country accepting them.

The yordim are the opposite in Jewish Agency terms of olim (emigrants to Israel). These people went to Israel from Vienna after leaving the Soviet Union, became Israeli citizens, but later decided to emigrate again because they were discouraged or could not adjust to certain initial difficulties, or they wanted to join relatives in other countries.

As Israeli citizens, they lost their refugee status. They went to Italy hoping that they could go to another country more easily, but they found the hard way that they cannot.

The noshrim outnumber the yordim 10 to one, but it is the hardships of the yordim which raise far more controversial issues and publicity.

In spite of reduced Soviet Jewish emigration, the increase in the number of drop-outs from an initial one percent to more than 50% brought the total who passed through Rome in 1976 to between 8,000 and 9,000.

Except for occasional delays, the average number here at any one time while waiting to receive their documents from the accepting country is about 3,000. Their life may not be easy, but it is not precarious.

Each drop-out receives a monthly allowance of 100,000 Italian lire (about $140). An extra allowance of between $75 and $90 is given for each other member of a family. These sums represent about half the amount needed for a low standard of living in inflation-plagued Italy.

It is not surprising, therefore, that Soviet Jews have become a familiar sight, attracting the attention of the media, in Porta Portese, Rome's pedlars' market, where they sell goods side by side with Indians, Arabs, Africans, Neapolitans and Sicilians.

The cooking utensils, dolls, embroidered linen, caviare, vodka, records and cameras the Soviet Jews brought from the USSR can be bought in the market at reasonable prices. Some precious Russian ikons and old silverware have found their way discreetly to elegant Rome art shops.

The conditions for the yordim are far more difficult. Many of the 300 now living in Rome or Ostia have been here since 1971 when they began trickling in. Others went to West Germany where they are reported to have outstayed their welcome.

Ineligible for relief from Jewish organizations because they do not possess refugee status, the yordim make bitter allegations that Israeli pressure is responsible for their situation. They have obtained some help from the Tolstoy Foundation in New York and from other international organizations.

A few are reported to have converted to Christianity, probably motivated by a desire to attract public attention.

The yordim are also bitter about Italian Jews, whose main help, they claim, has been a long debate in the Jewish monthly publication, Shalom, on whether the yordim should be treated differently from the noshrim.

It is not surprising that the Soviet Union is making the most of the yordim's discontent. Soviet influence can be detected in an appeal recently addressed by the "steering group representing 300 Ostia Jews" to "Jews in the Soviet Union, the United Nations Organization, the Soviet delegation at the UN and the Soviet embassy in Rome."

This appeal, prominently displayed in the Italian-language bulletin published by the Novosti Soviet news agency, condemned Zionism as causing "deceit, sorrow and unhappiness among the Jewish people" and denounced Israel as a "hot-bed of capitalist racism."

*Letters to the Editor*

# Yordim remain aloof despite overtures, reader says

Dear Editor:

The choice of the words 'oleh' and 'yored' are not a simple matter of unfortunate characterizations as you suggested in your recent editorial ("Welcome Additions"). For a person to choose to live in Israel it is, as you have stated, a spiritual ascendancy and it is the fulfilment of one of the 613 commandments. And to express an opposite action, i.e. leaving Israeli residence, it is naturally expressed by the opposite Hebrew term meaning to go down or to descend. There is no connotation in the Hebrew terminology, even implicitly, suggesting desertion.

Nor do the majority of Canadian Jews ascribe this meaning to the term 'yored'. It is, on the contrary, the emigrating Israelis who either themselves sub-consciously feel this way or have a feeling that we regard them in such a manner. I speak from the experience of having on two occasions, on behalf of the Zionist Organization, unsuccessfully attempted to involve Israelis in local Zionist work.

Like yourself, I appreciated the potential source of intimate knowledge of Israel and the Hebrew language that Israelis could provide. In both instances the effort failed, as I understood it, because they don't want to become involved. The Toronto Israeli community, which constitutes more than one-tenth of our Jewish population, tends largely to keep to itself. The proof is that they are hardly to be found in any of the many voluntary activities in which they would be welcome and could be most useful.

The argument that they are initially concerned about making a living is undoubtedly true, but over the years, if the desire was really there, their presence should have been noted and felt in the Jewish community. It is not. If resident Israelis do not agree that this is so, let them come forward with all the intellectual resources that you say exist — we will welcome their assistance with open arms.

I am at a loss to understand your reference to commissions which investigate reasons for Israelis leaving their country. To the best of my knowledge there has been no such inquiry outside Israel. The Zionist Organization of Canada Commission of Inquiry with respect to Canadian olim investigated why Canadians who went on aliyah returned in such large numbers. These are Canadian Jews who went on voluntary aliyah. This is quite a different thing from what you suggest.

No one challenges the right of an Israeli to leave his country for whatever reason — that is his free choice and no one questions it. But we are concerned about the survival of Israel as a Jewish state...and of that we will not be assured without a substantial aliyah.

In the face of a 3.6% growth of the non-Jewish population in Israel last year compared to 2% for the Jewish population and of a meagre 20,000 new immigrants compared to close to 15,000 who left, we could, in the next 25 years, be faced with the reality of having poured hundreds of millions of dollars into the state and yet failed to assure survival because we didn't take the factor of aliyah seriously.

**Max Goody,**
**Toronto**

Dear Editor:

We are making reference to your interesting article on page 1 of the Feb. 25 issue titled "Expensive synagogues, lavish programs". An important clarification is necessary. You stated that "at one point, Adath Israel and B'nai Israel Beth David considered merging their congregational schools because of budget considerations and rejected the idea," and that "the synagogue favored the advantages of independent jurisdiction."

In fact, the discussions were held among three congregations — B'nai Israel Beth David, Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda and Adath Israel. The merger of schools was indeed accomplished by the two first-named congregations. It is functioning successfully well into its third year of existence under the name of the United Congregational Schools.

It was only the last named congregation which declined to join the merger. May we state that United Congregational Schools has proven that such a merger can bring important academic, administrative and fiscal advantages, while at the same time the essential purpose of congregational schools — which is to preserve closer contact and identification between synagogue, school and home — can be not only maintained, but strengthened.

**Ethel Rosen, chairman,**
**United Congregational Schools**
**Rabbi Albert Pappenheim,**
**B'nai Israel Beth David**
**Rabbi Joseph Kelman,**
**Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda**

## Bar Mitzvah

Dear Editor:

I have in the last few years attended some Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. I consider that this institution has become, in the main, a source of expense to parents, boredom and insincere behavior for guests and gives the child a false sense of importance.

The day is meant to have strong spiritual commitment and affirmation of faith for the child. Also, after that day, the youngster should endeavor to pray daily. To my knowledge, most do not pray daily, and treat the whole thing as a show.

To top it all off, the guests are subjected to a "thank-you" note from the youngster. This note often demonstrates that by the age of 13, the child does not know how to "write", both in penmanship and composition. The parents spent money on stationery and catering, but it's obvious they did not spend time in the early years to help the child to form a writing style.

There is no point in shifting the blame to teachers. Whoever does the job, it has to be done. The objective, surely, is a reasonably literate youngster.

**Mrs. N.D. Marshall,**
**Toronto**

## CJN chided

Dear Editor:

Your paper is getting bigger, and though it constantly shows us photos of our "leaders", the many nice things they say at the many dinners where they are "honored" for their mighty actions, there is really little to help readers with the real values of Judaism.

Israel is strongly supported — but then, so is Florida. You print the odd letter from readers, yet the outside press seems to attract far more from Jews, who are probably more active in voicing opinions on matters of concern.

What, really, can be of more vital concern to Jews today than the very survival of Judaism, Jews and Israel? We have lost millions of our people over the years but we have, nonetheless, with our small numbers, given the world fantastic contributions to its culture and civilization. The Nobel Prize winners among our people is far and away out of proportion to our numbers. It is our duty to survive and make this earth a fit place to live and we can do it far better as Jews than if we assimilate.

It is symptomatic therefore to read in a recent CJN how four men in the American cabinet were Jews: one married out and has no connection with us; two were baptized while young; the fourth is also Christian but from a Jewish mother. The free North American society seems to be a greater threat than ghettos and persecution.

Whither Jewry? We are divided among ourselves and those who do not take sides are opting out, marrying out, assimilating or just not caring. In such a case, what need is there for an Israel or for the mighty sacrifices its people are making to maintain a viable state?

We are called "the people of the book". We read and write many other books but the Book, our Bible, is the one we really ignore. The Christians and Moslems venerate it but few of us. Maybe that's why we have such problems.

**Chaim Joshua Cohen,**
**Toronto**

## NRP supported

Dear Editor:

Reader Charney's rebuke of Kurt Rothschild cannot go unchallenged. Unfortunately, Mr. Charney's concerns with religious Judaism in Eretz Yisroel are founded on a complete lack of knowledge of Judaism. If one was to accept his premise that Eretz Yisroel is to be a democracy, then by inference one accepts the conclusion that we Jews have no claim to that particular area in the Middle East.

Our only claim to Eretz Yisroel is one based on a divine promise that that land as described in Genesis, and within the borders prescribed in Numbers, is a gift from God to the children of Israel. Our only stake in it is legitimate if we accept this proposition. Otherwise, we should find a 'Jewish national homeland' someplace other than in Eretz Yisroel, and leave Eretz Yisroel to those who appreciate God's gift, and are willing to accept it on His terms.

Mr. Charney claims that Israel must be democratic, and that the NRP "reject the true spirit of democracy." How easy it is to be glib and pervert the truth. To insinuate that the NRP does not support democracy — that the NRP has no concern for the "common working man and woman" — is irreligious chauvinism.

To compare Israel, Judaism and Torah with any other religion is a useless exercise in futility. The three are inextricably intertwined...based on a 4,000-year-old promise, a promise that we pray for its fulfilment three times every day — "And return us to Jerusalem Your city, with mercy."

The Torah 'imposes a strict value system' on the land of Israel and its people. Any denial of this is a denial of Judaism, and a denial of any legitimate claim to Eretz Yisroel.

**Yehudi Shields,**
**Toronto**

## Story 'misleading'

Dear Editor:

I have just seen a CJN report of a talk I gave at Beth Tzedec on Jan. 23, and I would like to correct some inaccurate and possibly misleading statements made by your reporter.

I did not say that Israel can no longer speak for world Jewry, but that Israel can no longer be the only voice. I said that the Diaspora must assume its proper role as equal partner alongside Israel.

I did not say that the Diaspora should be part of Israel's peace negotiations. What I said was that the Jews of the Diaspora should feel free to enter into discussions with whomever they choose; I specifically said that negotiations can be conducted only by Israel acting on her own behalf.

While it is true that there was "considerable opposition" from Beth Tzedec members (or, more accurately, from the audience), it was far from unanimous, and only one person used the word "naive" in his response to my talk.

Finally, I did not exactly say that aliyah was a viable possibility. I said that in view of all the statistics of the past few years, it is unrealistic to assume that a large aliyah from North America was in the cards in the near future. But I also made clear to point out that such a development would make me very happy.

**William Novak,**
**Somerville, Mass.**

# *Israelis move to soften explicit ads for sex films*

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Defence Minister Shimon Peres has promised that the attractive Swedish lady who recently entertained soldiers at several army bases would never again be permitted to enter Israel defence forces installations.

His promise came in reply to a protest by Likud Knesset member Avraham Katz against the screening of **The Nymphomaniac from Sweden** and another sex film, **Her Feats in Love**, at army bases.

Nechemia Meyers

These films had somehow escaped the attention of the army's chief education officer, who is responsible for educational and recreational activities at military bases. He will henceforth be more careful, Peres says.

However, the soldiers will still be able to view the exploits of Swedish nymphomaniacs and their busy sisters from other countries at cinemas in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa, several of which now specialize in sex films.

This is not to say that the government-appointed Censorship Board, whose stamp of approval is required before a film can be screened in Israel, has stopped operations. The board still bans several dozen films a year and orders cuts in several dozen more. This is quite apart from the fact that local film distributors know that there is no point in importing such porno films as **Deep Throat**, which are screened along New York's 42nd Street and elsewhere in the U.S.; the board would not allow them to be shown.

Nevertheless, the censors have moved with the times. While a few years ago, for example, they banned a serious Danish film with a couple of nude scenes because "the public cannot be allowed to see naked girls, even from behind," they now let the public see unclad girls from in front, from behind and from every other angle — so long as their behavior is not too outrageous.

But the board remains extremely sensitive on religious matters. It took many months for it to approve a censored version of **The Black Banana**, made here by oddball Indian Jew Ben Hayeem, not so much because of the film's sex scenes as because some of them took place in a mikvah and involved a lecherous young student at a Jerusalem yeshiva.

Newspapers practice various degrees of self-restraint when it comes to advertisements for sex films. While the evening papers sometimes allow suggestive shots to be reproduced on their pages, the morning papers generally limit themselves to smaller and more innocuous photographs alongside the titles of the films. Most conservative of all is The Jerusalem Post, which tends to paint on bras that weren't there in the first place.

Efforts are now being made by various civic and religious groups to at least remove the braless ladies from huge outdoor ads for the sex films, ads which are seen by youngsters under 16 who wouldn't be allowed to see the films themselves. But according to Justice Minister Haim Zadok, little can be done about them under present censorship regulations. This did not prevent Ramat Gan Mayor Israel Peled from forcing the removal of a titillating movie advertisement that recently adorned a local billboard. His reasons, however, had nothing to do with morality.

The billboard was at one of Ramat Gan's busiest intersections, and on several occasions it distracted the attention of male drivers, who ended up crashing into other cars.

Sexy billboards will henceforth be restricted to the city's quiet side streets.

# Organizations and People

## what's new...

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

**FESTIVAL OF STARS**

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue is celebrating Jewish Music Month in a really big way! Their festival of stars goes on stage this Sunday, the 6th, at 8 p.m. with a line-up of real headliners — mezzo-soprano Mary Simmons, folk singer Jenny Eisenstein, oboist Harry Sargous, cellist Jose Shapero, the Beth Tikvah Choir conducted by Srul Irving Glick, the Nirkoda Israel dancers, the synagogue's own Cantor Louis Danto, and Gordon Kushner as accompanist. For tickets, call the synagogue office.

**FOR ART LOVERS**

Canadart 77, the exhibit and sale sponsored by B'nai Israel Beth David Sisterhood, gets underway this Saturday, the 5th, at 8:30 p.m. when Lieutenant-Governor Pauline McGibbon opens the preview showing. Sale continues Sunday from 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. and Monday 10:30-5....Also on Sunday, the art auction run by Leonard Mayzel Ontario Lodge B'nai B'rith at Holiday Inn downtown previews at 7 with the auction at 8.

**PURIM WEEKEND**

On **Saturday** — At the Club Shalom Pioneer Women ball, there will be dancing to the Bill Berle Orchestra from 8 on at the Borochov Centre. Proceeds are for orphans' homes in Israel....You can also help underprivileged children and enjoy yourself at the same time at the costume party put on by Friends of Pioneering Israel at 8:30 at the Town House. Proceeds go to Anne Frank Haven School on Kibbutz Sasa....Nagila Branch 635 of the Labor Zionist Alliance invites you to come as your favorite character at their dance which begins at 8:30 at the LZA centre....B'nei Akiva's annual neshef is called for 8:30 at Baycrest Centre. There will be Israeli dancing, drama and costume contests. Parents should bring children over eight years of age....A masquerade ball for the 13-19 year olds is being hosted by the National Conference of Synagogue Youth in Hamilton. Buses leave from Shaarei Shomayim, so get in touch with the office there.

Then on **Sunday** — A mini-circus put on by Shaarei Shomayim youth groups runs from 2:30-5....The Total Living singles group at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda is having a spiel, with live orchestra and entertainment, starting at 8.

**GERSTEIN LECTURE SERIES**

The "Learning Environment" is the theme of the Gerstein Lecture Series scheduled at York University for four consecutive Tuesdays from March 8-29. The first lecture will be given by Dr. James Anderson, director of adolescent services at Chedoke hospitals. The second will feature Martin Goodman, editor-in-chief of the Toronto Star. Canadian geologist J. Tuzo Wilson, director-general of the Ontario Science Centre, will deliver the third. And the final lecture will present Peter Swann, former director of the Royal Ontario Museum and presently with the Samuel and Saidye Bronfman foundation. All lectures are at 4:30 p.m. at Osgoode Hall on the main campus.

**MORE SATURDAY FUN**

An evening in Las Vegas, complete with games, door prizes and auction, is set for 7:30 at Hotel Triumph. It is sponsored by Forest Heights Lodge B'nai B'rith....Hillel's Monte Carlo and dance for the UJA begins at 8 at the University of Toronto drill hall, 117 St. George St.

**SUNDAY MORNING**

Now take a look at Sunday morning's schedule — The newly-formed Young Men's Division of the Zagliembier Society will meet at 10 at the Borochov Centre. This group, all sons of original members, are interested in perpetuating the traditions of the organization while planning their own social, cultural and charitable programs. The society's annual banquet, next Sunday, the 13th, will be dedicated to these young men....Reena Foundation's annual breakfast meeting, at 10 at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, will be showing a film, **Every Child is Special**, which deals with Jewish education for the exceptional child....At the father and son breakfast meeting of Labor Zionist Alliance Frontier Branch 513, Peter Duro, promotions manager of the Toronto Blue Jays baseball club, will talk about **The Entry of Toronto into the Big League and its Future**. That's at 9:30 at the LZA centre....The Achdut Ha-Avoda Poale Zion Party of Canada has scheduled a meeting for 9:30 with guest speaker CJN columnist J.B. Salsberg, who will discuss **Labor Zionism — What it Means Today**. It takes place at the Borochov Centre.

**FOR SINGLES**

Later on Sunday, at 8:30, the New Young Adults are featuring rock country performer Murray Newman in concert at the northern 'Y'.

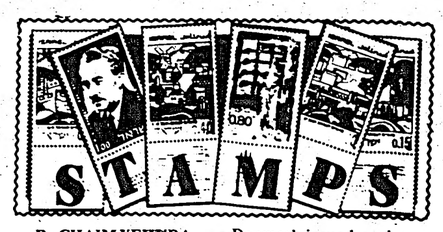
**ABOUT JEWISH HISTORY**

The topic of the March 7 lecture in the Shaarei Shomayim Monday night series is **Jewish History is Different** with Rabbi Shlomo Jakobovits, principal of general studies at Eitz Chaim Schools.

**FROM WINNIPEG**

A note from Winnipeg tells us that Herzlia-Adas Yeshurun Congregation there presented a Middle Eastern date palm tree to the Winnipeg Conservatory to commemorate Tu B'Shvat. The short dedication was conducted by their Rabbi Michael Newman, with councillor June Westbury representing the mayor. Following the ceremony, Israeli fruits were distributed.

## Purim commemorated




By CHAIM YEHUDA

Once again it is Purim and this holiday is, of course, commemorated in the stamp world. Last year, Israel issued an attractive set of three stamps and a souvenir sheet especially for Purim.

Previously, in June, 1975, a Purim scene from a painting entitled **Purim Players** by Jankel Adler was the subject of another Israeli stamp.

In November, 1973, Denmark issued an interesting stamp showing a scene from the Book of Esther depicting Queen Esther, King Ahesuerus, probably Mordechai, and Haman on the scaffold in the background (Scott #527).

Another Purim stamp had already been issued by Romania in March, 1967 reproducing a Rembrandt painting (Scott #1912). Some believe the Purim characters are Mordechai before Esther and Ahesuerus; others have identified them as Haman asking Esther's forgiveness and Ahesuerus.

It is interesting to note that Rembrandt (1606-1669) lived for many years in the Jewish section of Amsterdam. He was close to his Jewish neighbors and his friends included Manasseh Ben Israel.

Many of Rembrandt's paintings and etchings depicted subjects of Jewish life such as a rabbi, the Jewish doctor and the interior of a synagogue, and also themes from the Bible, such as Moses holding the tablets of the law. This painting is also on a stamp (Scott #890, Nicaragua).

These stamps should all be inexpensive and not too difficult to obtain.

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A reader in Copper Cliff, Ont. asks where can these stamps be obtained and what is the price?

Generally, I have tried to mention a price and, if not, the stamps are inexpensive unless stated otherwise (say, under $2-3). It is often difficult to quote a firm price as this depends on the dealer, the demand for the item, and its scarcity. I cannot recommend a particular dealer. There are many in this country; most deal by mail. One even deals almost exclusively in Israeli items.

Israeli stamps may be purchased directly from Israel, either by making an order for specific current items, or by sending a deposit for a standard order for all new issues. Their service is excellent, although the cost of postage is expensive, especially if one is ordering only a few of each issue by air mail.

However, expensive or not, I am always very happy to receive registered correspondence from Israel. The address is: State of Israel, Ministry of Communications, Philatelic Services, 61 080 Tel Aviv-Yafo.

## Aliyah by group a novel approach

Questions about Aliyah

QUESTION: What is group aliyah?

ANSWER: Group aliyah is a novel way to immigrate to Israel. It is comprised of a group of people of similar ideas and aspirations who decide to join together to build their own community in Israel.

For example, several different groups have been specifically organized for single and married Orthodox Jews seeking their spiritual fulfilment in Israel.

Originally, group aliyah (called garinim — nucleus — in Hebrew) established only kibbutzim.

Today, the group aliyah projects being organized offer an increasing variety of communal arrangements, including:

— moshavim — settlements based on the cooperative ownership of enterprises on the basis of a share system;

— moshav shitufi — collectives that provide for community control of production while allowing private ownership of homes;

— kfar ta'asiyot — industrial villages which are comprised of communities situated around an industrial park, and

— non-collective settlements — settlements in which individuals own their own apartments.

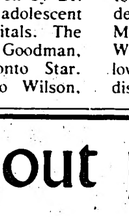
Entire new cities such as Yamit on the Mediterranean coast have been established under the group aliyah program.

QUESTION: What are some of the advantages of group aliyah?

ANSWER: The advantages are many:

It is an opportunity to join with other North Americans with similar backgrounds and concerns to face together the challenge of living in Israel.

You share the joys and the frustrations of living in a new country and the building of a community.




Marcia Kretzmer's column will appear next week.

## ...about people

Ralph Garber

Montreal-born **Ralph Garber** is returning to Canada after several years south of the border to take over as dean of the University of Toronto's School of Social Work. The appointment is effective July 1. Both a Queen's (BA) and McGill (MSW) graduate before receiving his DSW at the University of Pennsylvania in 1963, he is at present dean of Rutgers' Graduate School of Social Work. One of his primary interests has been the development of joint degrees between social work and other disciplines, specifically law and architecture.

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This Sunday morning, the 6th, **E. David Hart** becomes president of the Toronto Council of Jewish Brotherhoods. The installation breakfast is hosted by his own brotherhood, Holy Blossom Temple, with **Rabbi Gunther Plaut** as guest speaker. Other new executive officers are: **Jack Mirsky** of Beth Am, **Ben Bader** of Adath Israel and **Al Cohen** of Shaarei Tefillah, vice-presidents; **Nelson Ludwig**, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, treasurer, and **Murray Kaye** of Temple Sinai and **Saul Goldberg** of Beth Tzedec as corresponding and recording secretaries. **Alfred Pilch** of B'nai Israel Beth David is immediate past president.

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Major Israel Bonds appointments in Winnipeg include that of **Hy Fogelman** as Western Region director and **Marvin Needelman**, who heads up the Winnipeg office with responsibilities for Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Both had at one time served in the Toronto area — Mr. Fogelman as Ontario regional manager of Bonds and Mr. Needelman as publicity director for the UJA and UJWF.

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Here's what you might call a message with a message. Apparently, if you call the telephone number of **Rabbi Balfour Brickner**, director of the Metropolitan Region of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, when he is away, you are greeted by his voice stating "this is electronic equipment designed to take your name and phone number in order for me to call you back. See what God hath wrought!"

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Antwerp, Holland, has a Jewish woman mayor. She's **Mathilde Schroeyens**, a Socialist councillor, who taught at the Yesodei Hatorah Beth Jacob School there for 17 years.

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Israeli notes — The first Sabra Rothschild was born recently when **Baroness Nili Rothschild**, wife of **Baron Nathaniel de Rothschild**, gave birth to a son and future baron. The baroness is the daughter of **Vice-Admiral Mordecai Limon**, a former head of the Israeli defence ministry's purchasing mission in Paris, where the couple reside. Because they wanted their child to be born in Israel, the baroness went to Tel Aviv a short time before the baby was due....Swimming champion **Mark Spitz** has indicated that he will attend the upcoming Maccabiah as a guest this summer. He won gold medals in both the seventh and eighth Maccabiah games before going on to his famous seven-medal win at the Munich Olympics....Word has it that there will soon be a Jonathan Institute in Jerusalem, a museum which will chronicle the life of **Jonathan Netanyahu**, the Israeli commando who was killed in the Entebbe raid.

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Amia, the Ashkenazi community of Buenos Aires, has appointed Morocco-born **Rabbi Shlomo Benhamu** acting chief rabbi of Argentina. He replaces **Rabbi Menachem Fiterman**, who has returned to Israel. Dr. Fiterman, who was born in the Ukraine, came to Argentina as chief rabbi in the summer of 1975.

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**Henry Kissinger** is to receive an honorary doctorate degree from the Weizmann Institute at a private ceremony in Washington, with former Weizmann president **Michael Sela** participating.


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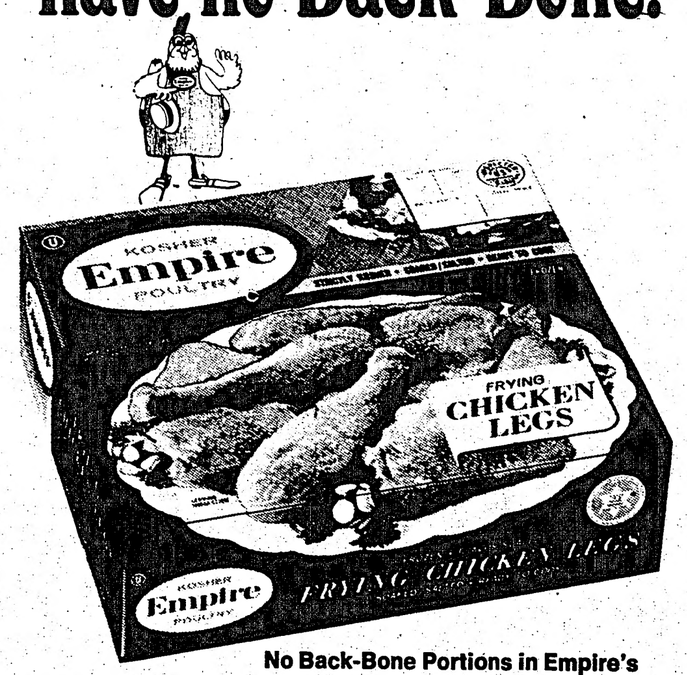



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# 'The Diaspora is a curse,' declares IDF chief rabbi

BHARVEY WARREN

TORONTO —
The Diaspora is a curse. That's the indictment Rabbi Gen. Mordechai Piron, chief rabbi of the Israel Defence Force, levelled at a B'nei Akiva-sponsored lecture at the Habonim Dror auditorium recently.

Gen. Piron was fielding questions from the 100 people in the audience when he was asked if there was a divine purpose for Diaspora Jewry.

"The Diaspora is a curse," Piron replied, "not divine providence."

Gen. Piron's charge was without historical limitations. He said the Diaspora was a curse "forever and ever."

"It is always a curse," he emphasized, "even the Golden Gola." Piron noted that "sages and philosophers" believed it was a curse, but he didn't produce supportive evidence or name names.

He explained his belief in the basic principle of classical Zionism that if a place was created where the Jews could go, they would automatically leave the Gola. "History will ask," he said, "where were the Jews at that crucial time?"

The audience, all members or alumni of the B'nei Akiva religious Zionist youth movement, received the rabbi's harangue with deferential agreement.

Gen. Piron said the problems of Holocaust neurosis, assimilation and the lack of aliyah were not beyond resolution. The three million Jews in Israel "are surrounded by 100 million enemies," he said. "(Israel is) too small a nation for too big a task...you cannot create persons."

The immigration to Israel of one million Anglo-Saxon Jews would solve all these problems, Piron said, repeating "Anglo-Saxon" several times during his aliyah plea.

He said it was unexpected that "the greatest majority doesn't respond to the cry for help." Asked by The Canadian Jewish News why he stressed "Anglo-Saxon" immigration, Gen. Piron said Israel needed trained and educated personnel to serve as "laborers".

In his address, Gen. Piron said there was a manpower shortage in Israel, and when challenged afterwards with the unofficial Israeli unemployment rate, said there was no unemployment in Israel. Gen. Piron later did admit to "temporary unemployment" which he said corrected itself through retraining and occupational rotation.

He declined to answer why Anglo-Saxons were more important olim in his view considering his statements on retraining and unemployment.

Gen. Piron called emigration of Israelis "desertion of the ship exactly when it is in troubled waters." He said this may be an understatement. The rabbi had a solution for emigration: "Let masses of Orthodox Jews come and the situation will turn around," he said.

Asked about Israel's readiness to make concessions for peace, Gen. Piron answered: "I'm sure you would not expect me to reveal all our secret plans...." And questioned on Knesset deliberations on abortion, he refused to answer, saying he was "exempt from dealing with political matters."

Gen. Piron, on more familiar ground, said Israel was "stronger from a military point of view than ever before."

He said there was "no comparison with what we had after the Yom Kippur War." The defence forces have grown in size incomparably, he said, and "the most super-sophisticated weapons are at our disposal."

He remarked "there is no militarism in Israel" and called the soldiers "wonderful, quiet, nice boys," who were ready to fight because of conviction.

"If it comes to war again," he said, "we are certain and confident that we shall overcome the enemy...we shall be victorious.

"Although we are very strong," he said, "there is no desire for war. We want and pray for peace."

Though he wouldn't commit himself to an opinion on the outcome of peace talks, Gen. Piron commented "as long as you talk you do not shoot."

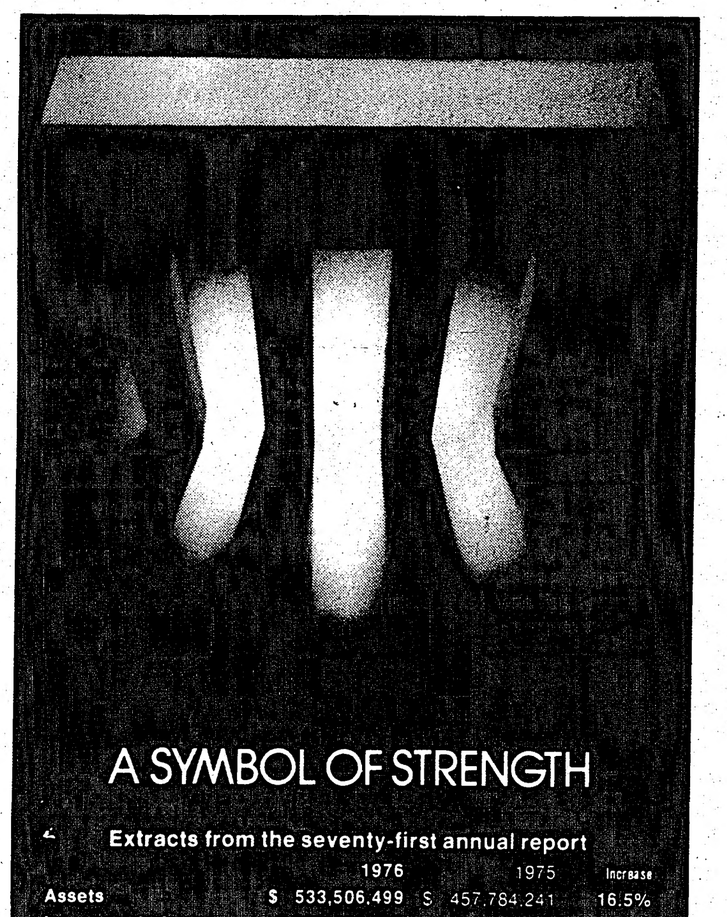
(IPPA photo)

Chief rabbi of the Israel army, Brig.-Gen. Mordechai Piron was a recent visitor to Toronto where he made a controversial speech. He is seen here at a bar mitzvah ceremony for 30 boys at Kfar Yavetz in Israel.

# Panel topic is boycott

TORONTO —
On Sunday, March 6 at 8 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation will feature a panel discussion and report on the findings of the Commission on Economic Coercion, a non-partisan group which recently documented the scope and influence of Arab boycott measures against Israel and the secondary and tertiary effects of this boycott against Canadian Jewry.

Three members of the original commission — Irwin Cotler, professor of law, McGill University and commission chairman; Prof. Harry Crowe, labor historian from York University, and chairman of the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East; as well as Herb Gray, MP from Windsor West and former cabinet minister — will participate in a discussion of the findings of the commission insofar as they regard discrimination against Canadian Jews.

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| 25,000 | 765 | 60,000 | 5,310 |
| 27,500 | 1,035 | 62,500 | 5,760 |
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**Parshat Tezaveh/Shushan Purim**

**La'Yehudim hayetah orah v'simcha v'sasson ve'-kikar**....With the Jews was light and joy and gladness and honor....

A left-over Hamantaschen or two to chew on....

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It was a custom in Europe to appoint the local wit as "Purim-rabbi" — to serve one day a year. One shtetl had its regular rabbi who, unfortunately, had no great reputation for scholarship. On Purim, the "Purim-rav" came to demand his "office".

The rabbi looked him up and down. "Tell me, do you think you know enough to be a rabbi?"

"Of course, I do," the wit answered. "If I didn't know enough, they would appoint me rabbi all year long...." (Fun Unzer Alter Oitzer)

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But how can you be a rabbi if you have a tallis made out of milquetoast — a rabbi has to have a butter-heart and a steel spine. Imagine...when 'Aaron, the High Priest, dressed up, he had to wear a gold headband that read...**Kodesh La'hashem....Holy Unto the L-rd.**

Why? But G-d whispered..."it's to serve as atonement for **azus metzach** — those who have too much arrogance and chutzpah. But still...it's weird — why should the headband have the words Holy Unto the L-rd? What was it, a commercial?

Ah, but it teaches — sometimes it's a mitzvah to have chutzpah...especially for a rabbi — when it comes to doing G-d's will. There is a time to wait upon committees and consensus — but when the very foundations of Yiddishkeit are toppling, then you have to consult the Shulchan Aruch, and not worry about popularity....(Chasam Sofer)

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But you can't hold your head high if you hold your hand out — you have to rely on no one, except the Ribono shel Olam. G-d is the only chief a rabbi can recognize. Imagine...the Almighty commanded: "tell the Yiddlech to bring olive oil to light my sanctuary." Moses scratched his yarmulke. "G-d has the sun to light the world — what does He mess with a little oil?"

But G-d shook His head. "The only way there can ever be any light in My sanctuary, any Torah, any survival, is when there are Jews who are willing to get by with a little olive oil and bread for supper. But independent from the whims of others, so they don't compromise my Yiddishkeit." (Hamaggid)

Our rabbis taught...when the dove flew back to Noah's ark, she had an olive branch in her mouth. She pleaded before G-d: "better a meal as bitter as the olive, but from Your hands, than the finest bird seed but from the hands of men." (Eruvin 18)

A rabbi must be a rabbi.

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Of course, there are rabbis...and there are rebbes. One misnagid was looking for a costume to dress up on in Purim. "Why don't you dress up like a Chassidic rebbe?" his wife suggested. The misnagid twitched his nose. "I can't. If I put on a long kappute and a shtreimel, and grow long paios...then I'll **be** a rebbe...."

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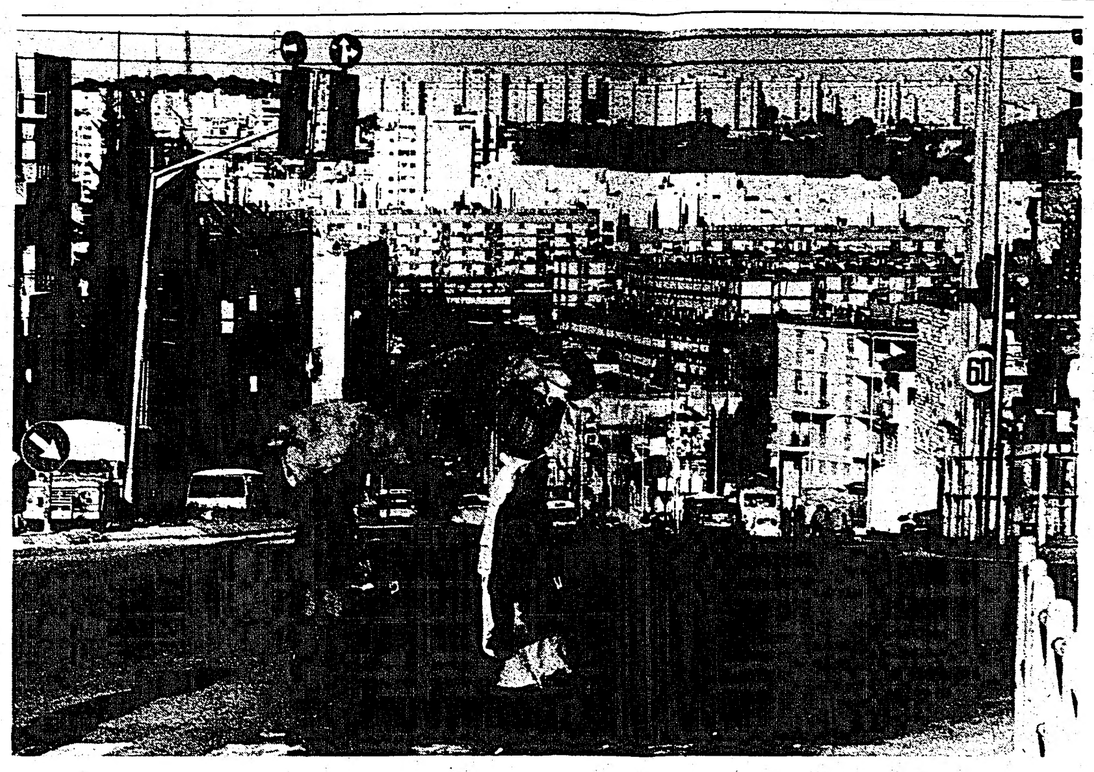
Shabbat Shalom and a Fraileche Purim!



## JERUSALEM CONTRASTS

Jerusalem photographer Mike Goldberg captured the contrasts of his city in this wide angle shot looking north towards French Hill.

# Opposition Leader Lewis to address UJA function

**TORONTO** — Stephen Lewis, Leader of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature, will address a breakfast meeting of the UJA campaign leadership on Tuesday, March 8, at Sutton Place Hotel.

UJA Campaign Chairman Joe Berman said the Lewis meeting is one in a series of campaign blitzes to be held during March. "We would like to wind up most of the campaign by Passover," he said, "and we hope the intensive activity during the month will help us get most of our prospects covered."

A one-day blitz last week for employees of Baycrest brought in more than $15,000. Five meetings were held during the day, at which Major Yona Gazit, of the Israel defence forces, was guest speaker.

Stephen Rudin, the chairman, said that more than one-third of the staff was covered during the day and the remainder are now being canvassed.

A blitz for employees of Mount Sinai Hospital will be held on Monday, March 14, with at least three campaign meetings scheduled for the day.

The student mail and telephone campaigns at the University of Toronto and York are going well and the amount raised to date is already greater than the total raised last year.

The Student UJA Campaign of the University of Toronto and Hillel will sponsor a UJA Monte Carlo night on Saturday evening, March 5, at the U of T drill hall, St. George St., south of Bloor, with all proceeds going to the campaign. At York, 100 students will conduct a massive telethon, under chairmanship of Pearl Brenman and Penny Mepen from March 6 to 13. An orientation program for the canvassers was held at a dinner meeting at which Major Gazit outlined Israel's problems, and Allen Juris, budget director of the Toronto Jewish Congress, explained the local needs.

On Sunday, March 6, students of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) will hold a "festival of world records" and will attempt to establish new records in a variety of events, including a 24-hour basketball game. The students expect to raise funds for the UJA by soliciting sponsors. Residents of Baycrest Terrace will serve as judges.

First meeting of the travel industries group was held last week and the co-chairmen, David Freudman and Hugh Bearg, report an average of 21% increase from the group's leadership. They said canvassing is well under way. The shoe group was addressed by Major Gazit and co-chairmen James Bohm and Ed Schmeiser said his talk "injected great enthusiasm and resulted in greatly increased canvassing activity."

Al Waxman, the CBC's **King of Kensington**, was guest speaker at a meeting of the films and entertainment group this week and Garth Drabinsky, the chairman, reports canvassing is proceeding at a rapid pace.

# *Summer institute for youths 14-17*

**TORONTO** — Central Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress is sponsoring a 28-day summer institute for young people aged 14 to 17 years at Ramot Shapira, near Jerusalem. The program will include tours to all parts of Israel.

E.Y. Lipsitz, CJC regional director of education, who will supervise the program, said it is limited to 40 persons on a first-come basis. The group will leave Toronto on Monday, July 11.

Ramot Shapira, known as the World Youth Academy, was founded in 1971 to serve as a centre for Jewish studies for young people from all over the world. Lipsitz said Ramot Shapira "has a fervent commitment to both traditional Judaism and the state of Israel. The raison d'etre of Ramot Shapira is the deepening of Jewish knowledge. It's a wonderful place for young people to get a new perspective of themselves and their relationship to the Jewish people."

Touring will include visits to Jerusalem, the Negev — as far south as Eilat, and to Tiberias, Haifa, Rosh Hanikra and other centres in the north.

Educational programs will include discussions on Israel before and after the Zionist settlement, the Arab claims, religion and the state, the problem of absorption, Israel's wars of independence and other topics.

Lipsitz said the special El Al return air fare from Toronto is $637. Accommodation, meals and touring is $16.50 (U.S.) per day. More information is available from Lipsitz at 150 Beverley St., Toronto M5T 1Y6.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Amnon Rubinstein, one of the founders of Democratic Movement for Change, looks on as two powerful recruits sign on. They are Meir Amit (left), retiring head of Koor Industries and David Golomb.

# Courageous Soviet writer was attacked by state

LONDON [JCNS] —

Alexander Abramovich Isbakh, who died in Moscow recently at 73, was the only Soviet-Jewish writer who dared to describe in realistic terms the struggle between Zionism and Communism for the soul of Jewish youth in Czarist Russia.

For that, and for daring to print the text of Hatikvah (in 1948, at the time when the state of Israel was established), he was harassed for several years.

A life-long Communist, Isbakh spent the war as a front-line soldier from the date of the Nazi invasion of Russia to the Germán capitulation. He was one of the first Soviet writers to publish, in 1941, a book about the Nazi offensive — **Front**. For his gallantry, he was decorated with high military honors.

None of this saved him when the Stalinist "anti-Cosmopolitan" (i.e. anti-Jewish) campaign began in 1949. In fact, he was one of the first Russian-Jewish writers to be attacked. A member of the Soviet Communist Party since 1926, he was accused by the Soviet press of being a Zionist and of using his literary work to disseminate Zionist ideas.

The reason for the assault was his autobiographical short story collection **Years of Life**, published in 1948. Since it was written at a time when Russia supported the establishment of Israel, Isbakh assumed that he could portray his Zionist contemporaries at high school as they really were without dubbing them as counter-revolutionaries.

As a writer in Russian, Isbakh was spared the fate of Yiddish writers, notwithstanding the accusation of Zionism. After Stalin's death, he was restored to his former status and was appointed professor of the Gorky Literary Institute in Moscow, where he gained additional renown as a teacher and educator.

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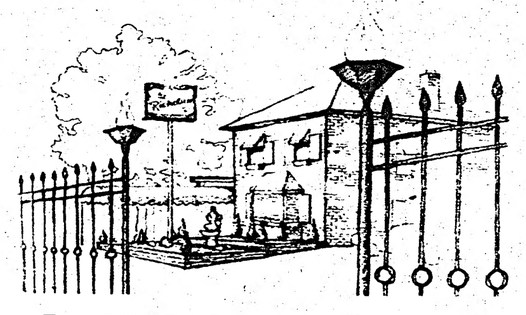

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# *An unusual reunion*

By DANIEL SAVILLE

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Aliza called over purser Hanan Shushan for hasty consultation with view to a possible emergency. They asked passengers if there was a doctor or a nurse on board. The answer was negative. Aliza and Hanan exchanged views and came to the same conclusion. If indeed the baby was going to be born on the plane, they would be in charge.

El Al's in-flight training for its passenger service personnel included full instruction in first aid, and both Aliza and Hanan were holders of the company's certificate of proficiency. As Mrs. Fengel reported recurring labor pains at regular intervals, Hanan prepared three seats in the aircraft for his emergency delivery ward.

Aliza quietly and confidently prepared herself, washed her hands, put on her apron...and took care of the delivery. The passengers on board clapped the El Al delivery team when Hanan announced, "It's a girl — mother and child fine!"

Just a few weeks ago, El Al's Austrian representative, who, as it happened, was on duty in Tel Aviv at the time of the birth, met a Dr. Fengel, who was the father of the "air-born" baby Brigitt Aliza.

El Al decided that a reunion was called for in Israel to celebrate Brigitt's 20th birthday. Aliza was brought specially from South Africa and Hanan came from New York. So were the "baby" and her parents, who for the first time since her birth met her "nurse and doctor".

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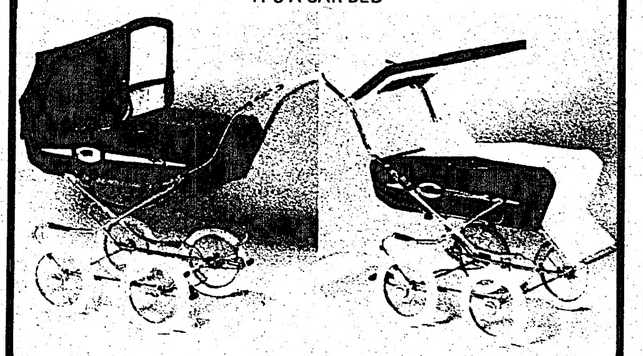

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# Arts

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James Kirchner (left) plays Smuel, Ron Barry is his brother Beryl and Kurt Freund plays the father, Rabbi Margolit, in "Johannes and the Talmud" by Basya Hunter. It's playing at Tarragon Theatre. CJN theatre critic Jeniva Berger offers her assessment of the play.

# Johannes and the Talmud: 'literate and intelligent work'

**theatre**

**By JENIVA BERGER**

**Johannes and the Talmud** is not a perfect play by any means, but it certainly is one of the most literate and intelligent new works to open in Toronto in quite a while.

As interesting as it is, however, Basya Hunter's drama, playing at the Tarragon Theatre under Bill Glassco's direction, is infuriatingly uneven in its dramatic propulsion.

Ms. Hunter has crammed her play full of provocative arguments which often threaten to verbally swamp the play in several key spots as well as dampen the interplay between characters, while Glassco has, I think in good faith but curious judgment, cast the rabbi and his family as cardboard goodies; characters who don't seem to pour forth their feelings from human frailties and strengths so much as stand on pedestals and state their individual causes.

What happens is that we become far more enmeshed in 16th century Dominical lawyer Johannes Reuchlin's story and his disputations with the German and Roman church authorities over his positive stand on the Talmud than we do with the plight of the rabbi and his family, who only fade in and out of the picture as side-supports to Reuchlin.

One can understand how Ms. Hunter, a gifted Judaic scholar and educator, would be caught up in Reuchlin's story. Renaissance Germany was fraught with anti-Semitism, the horrible degredation of the Jews, and the burning of the books.

Papal edicts and Christian saints, some of the worst offenders, added greatly to the church's compulsion for conversion of the Jews at all costs.

Into this simmering atmosphere did Johannes Reuchlin, a famour Stuttgart scholar and teacher who spoke Hebrew fluently, fan the flames when he brought out the Augenspiegelt his document on the Talmud which stated that those who condemned the Hebrew holy books must be evil, as are all those who condemn without knowledge.

It was for his respect for the Talmud and his love for the Jews that Reuchlin was sentenced by his own canonical peers, stripped of his university position and sent to prison for five years before a pardon was issued from Rome.

Ms. Hunter has chosen to present her play in dialectical fashion with any action stemming out of discourse and argument. Never is it boring and we can thank Bill Glassco for focusing on intense individual study of the various Christian characters, comparable to what Dreyer did in his film Joan of Arc, to hold our attention, as well as designers Eoin Sprott and Pat Flood for letting simplicity of setting and clean definitive lines shine through.

Thankfully, too, David Hemblen, who stepped into the difficult role of Reuchlin a mere 2½ weeks before production, rose to the occasion by giving us a Johannes both lucid and convincing.

My concern for the play's dramatic thrust lay in the unrealized relationship between Rabbi Margolit and Johannes. Indeed, the whole secondary plot of Margolit's wandering son, Schmuel, who leaves his father's house to whet his appetite for learning at Reuchlin's university door, has interesting potential but is underdeveloped.

If it isn't for some palpable link between Johannes and the rabbi he comes to love and respect, what is it then that can draw audiences into the heart of the drama? In reality, Reuchlin was an intellectual with a tremendous sense of moral truth, but these are arid qualities with which to bind ordinary audiences.

We never feel the immediacy of Reuchlin's human commitment and the simple act of having Rabbi Margolit and Johannes react to one another in some dynamic fashion has been supplanted by words. What a disappointment to see the crucial first act limply dwindle away.

But one forgave and almost forgot during the remaining two acts. There is so much good here. Surely Basya Hunter could stand a bit more rewriting to shape **Johannes and the Talmud** into the fine piece of theatre it can become.

# *Novel is moving account of Soviet couple's struggle*

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The first part of **Hostages**, largely about the author's wife and the massacre of her family by Nazis in a Ukrainian village with the help and connivance of unfriendly neighbors, displays surprising narrative power and skill. The remaining portion, more detailed and personal, is a passionate outcry of a sensitive artist who documents the infamy of an unfeeling and oppressive regime. Human rights are illusory in the Soviet Union; what matters is the furthering of a calculated political policy.

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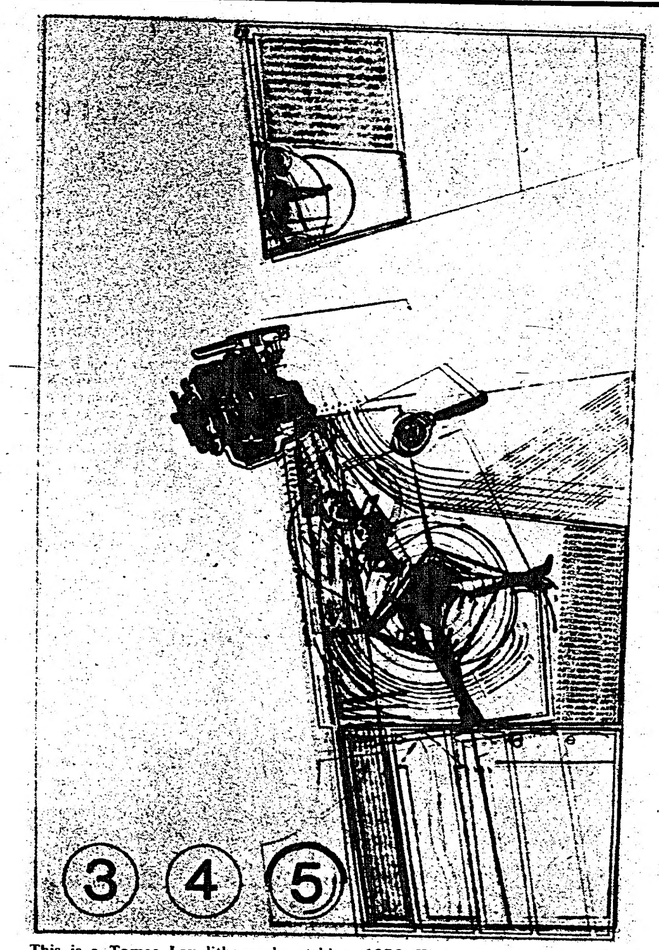

This is a Tomas Lax lithography-etching, 1975. His work is at Gallery One.

*Highly finished pieces*

# Zaks' drawings appreciated

art

By JULIANNA BORSA

At its best, a drawing is like a poem: tentative, intimate, immediate, risky and honest. Many artists test new concepts and attempt new techniques in their drawings, often highly personal expressions, bare sketches of ideas. But their subtle qualities make it a difficult medium for viewers to appreciate.

While painting and sculpture have always been major art forms, drawing has been considered a minor category. In the traditional sense, a drawing was a mere outline, a study for major works, and seldom an end in itself. Yet on their own, drawings may offer a clearer indication of an artist's mind and purpose than the final painting.

The drawings displayed at the Morris Gallery of the Polish artist Eugene Zak (1884-1926) illustrate a variety of purposes. Small in scale, varied in quality and detail, they range from quick sketches to highly finished pieces.

The **River Landscape with Boat** is a stiff, stylized classical composition, while the **Cabaret Singer** is a lively, spirited note of an occasion. The biblical figure of **Ruth in Cornfield** and **Ruth Carrying Jug** are delicate black and white studies in form and volume, while the **Actor on Stage** is a highly finished, colored picture of a performance.

Some are mere outlines of ideas, some, quick private notations, and others, detailed observations of reality. Zak's acquaintance in Paris with the Toronto artist Henry Weingluck brought these works to Canada.

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Completed within a shorter space of time than the above retrospective, and all conceived as works to be exhibited, the contemporary drawings of Tomas Lax in a recent one-man show at Gallery One show a much greater degree of consistency.

His spare visual poems (some drawings are simply titled **Poem**) are tonal landscapes, concerned not so much with form and structure as with feeling and space.

Vague masses of color are placed against the luminous white paper. The soft, rhythmic tonal areas are sometimes highlighted by lines that frame and focus parts, and create the effect of planes of transparent glass.

Lax is interested in the subtleties of texture and tone. Sometimes, the softly colored surfaces of his drawings are enlivened with dried leaves or collaged with corrugated plastic that distort and add an extra dimension.

Other times, the paper is actually torn and cut to texture and break the surface.

Even in his drawings, Lax's interest in printmaking is evident. In his **Finger Print Drawings**, Lax used impressions of his hand as the form. Conversely, his prints, using a combination of lithography and etching techniques, are strongly influenced by his drawings, but in theme and mood, they are less personal, less introspective.

Instead, the prints are influenced by the machine technology of our age. Like blueprints, the human figure is mapped in terms of a machine. Typography is an important decorative element.

The strange spatial dislocations are possible only with our 20th century knowledge of aerial views and x-ray machines.

But as in his drawings, rhythm, movement and space are main concerns. Tomas Lax's prints will be part of an exhibition at the O'Keefe Centre beginning March 13th.

# *Maisky is totally involved*

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Some performers are completely at home in all periods of music. Others, while they might be completely at home in some, are totally lost in other periods and would be best advised to leave those periods alone.

Israeli cellist Mischa Maisky, who performed Jan. 31 at the St. Lawrence Centre Town Hall as part of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation "Amici" series, fits into the latter category. He lacks comprehension for the baroque and, to a lesser degree, the classical periods and should, in his present state, abandon them.

Yet his style of total emotional involvement fits him perfectly for the Jewish liturgical style of Ernest Bloch. This is why his brilliant rendition of Bloch's **Nigun** (Improvisation), based on the spirit of the direct communion-mysticism of the Baal Shem Tov, was the highlight of the evening.

He perfectly captured the unabashedly passionate undulations and yearnings intended by the composer, and the result was true heart-throb rapture.

In the romantic period, which also involves emotional involvement tempered by stylistic flamboyance and elegant grandeur, Maisky was more than competent.

Although his interpretation of Schubert's **Sonata in A Minor** could have had more definitive dynamic contrast, his rich tone perfectly conveyed the melodious lyricism for which this piece is famous.

In Nicolo Paganini's **Variations on a Theme from Rossini's Moses**, he accurately evoked the mock-extravagance of the final movement through means of the intended grandiose bravura technique. Yet he displayed the most emotional sensitivity in the encore: his rendition of Tchaikovsky's plaintively serene and unusually subtle (for Tchaikovsky) **Nocturne**.

But in the baroque and more classical periods, which demand a sense of grace and stylistic delicacy, Maisky was a fish out of water. Bach's **Suite #6 for Cello Solo in D** is meant to be a series of courtly dances. Maisky, utilizing this same romantic-oriented full-blooded approach, gave the suite a storm-and-stress quality entirely incompatible with its intended mood of polished refinement. With this heavy-handed approach, one simply cannot adequately perform the agile fast passages. As a result, his otherwise-reliable technique faltered.

If Mischa Maisky really wants to play baroque music, he must develop much more of a sense of the basic emotional foundations of that period. Otherwise, he should forget Bach. He can afford to further specialize and develop in the styles in which he is already so proficient.

Mischa Maisky — a mixed review for Israeli cellist.

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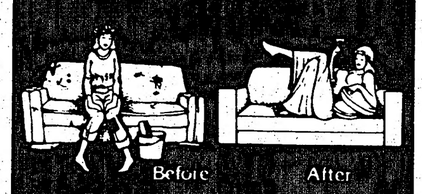

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## AROUND THE TOWN
By JANICE ARNOLD

**MEN'S CLUBS CONFAB**
The northeast region of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, which has a membership of over 5,000 in Conservative synagogues in Quebec, Ontario, New York and Vermont, will hold its 11th annual conference here March 11-13. Under the theme "Personal Involvement & Leadership," events will be held at Shaare Zedek, Beth-El, Shaare Zion and Shaar Hashomayim. **Dr. Leon Kronitz**, executive vice-president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, will be keynote speaker at the Sunday luncheon.

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**CAPTAIN KIRK HONORED**
Montreal-born actor **William Shatner**, best known for his role as Captain James Kirk in the TV series **Star Trek**, will be honored by the Montreal Israel Bond Organization March 6 at the Chevra Kadisha-B'nai Jacob Synagogue. Israel's Opposition leader politician **Menachem Begin** will be guest speaker.

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**DRIVE CHAIRMAN**
**Joseph Y. Nadler**, prominent business executive and communal leader, has been appointed chairman of the annual Mo'Ess Chittim Drive. Jointly conducted by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Organization of Canada, proceeds from the drive go for Passover relief to needy families in Israel and the Diaspora.

Joseph Y. Nadler

**PURIM PARTIES**
Purim parties will be held at all three YM-YWHA branches March 6. Snowdon branch party is 2-4 p.m.; Davis, 1:30-4 p.m.; and Laval, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Each will feature costume parades, games, prizes, booths, exhibitions and refreshments.

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**ZAGLIEMBIER JEWS**
The Association of Zaglembier Jews of Montreal will host a Purim dinner-dance at Beth-El March 5 at 7:15 p.m.

**LEST WE FORGET**
High school, CEGEP and university students are invited to submit their impressions of the Holocaust through the medium of essays, poetry or arts and crafts to a contest being sponsored by the women's division of the Association of Survivors of Nazi Oppression, the Jewish Education Council and the Holocaust Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Region. Deadline for entries is March 15. Details from **Avraham Weiss**, 931-7531.

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**ROASTING**
The Sportsman's Lodge & Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias will host a buncheon roasting of **Stanley B. Phillips** at Shaare Zedek March 6.

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**MUSIC MONTH**
**Miriam Denburg** will lecture in Hebrew on developments in Jewish music at the Jewish Public Library March 6 at 2:30 p.m. On March 10 flautist **Eric Wilner**, accompanied by **Charles Reiner**, will be performing at Samuel Bronfman House.

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**MY LIFE**
AJCS public relations director, **Joe King**, will review Golda Meir's **My Life** at the Laval Jewish Community Centre March 8 at 8:30 p.m.

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**NOVICK CITED**
**Louis Novick**, executive director of the Maimonides Home for the Aged, has been cited by **Who's Who in America** for his service to the chronically-ill elderly. His "unit concept" for reducing the shock of relocating long-term nursing home patients has been adopted by institutions in Canada and the United States.

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**YOUNG LEADERS**
Nominations are open for the Young Leadership Award of AJCS for 1977 to those under 35 who have shown a commitment to strengthening the Jewish community and are prepared to become more involved. **Manny Batshaw**, director of AJCS, is secretary of the selection committee. The award was the brainchild of Montrealers Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Barkoff** 21 years ago and has since spread to dozens of Jewish communities in North America.

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**60TH ANNIVERSARY**
An entire week next September will be devoted to special events celebrating the 60th anniversary of AJCS. The week will climax with the annual community conference of AJCS Sept. 11, chairman **Sheila Zittrer** announced. Montreal was the first city to adopt the federation concept in communal work.

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**CUBAN SUPPLIES**
Canadian Jewish Congress' traditional shipment of Passover supplies to the Jewish community in Cuba has already arrived, a Congress spokesman said.

# *Levesque—Jewish delegation meet only get-acquainted hour*

**IN MY VIEW**
By CHARLES LAZARUS

*"The mountains will be in labor, and a ridiculous mouse will be brought forth . . ."*
*—Aesop*

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*" . . . Oisgehlohst ah boidem . . . — Yiddish equivalent of zero plus zero equals zero.*

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*"Shtrahm grahm . . ." —Tevye's description of the Fates.*

The classic story in newspaper mythology is the young reporter sent out to cover the launching of a ship, only to report there was no story because the ship sank during the launching.

Thank Heavens that neither the Jewish community's delegation nor Rene Levesque sank during their recent meeting; but no question, in my mind, that the results of the meeting largely added up to any of the above quotations from Aesop, Yiddish and Tevye talk.

There was no press conference called nor statement issued by the delegation after the meeting with the premier, obviously for the same reason that the young reporter failed to turn in a story — although it would be stretching it quite somewhat, as Damon Runyon would have said, to equate the meeting with the ship sinking.

My impression, rather, is that the only substance that came out of the amiable get-together was an attempt at, in the words of the popular classic, "Getting to know you, getting to know all about you..."

Whether either Levesque or the members of the delegation did or not remains to be seen.

What is, however, important at this point, is to use the meeting as an opportunity to raise certain questions as to strategy and tactics, or to put it in terms more gauche, to avoid missteps in future contacts between the Quebec government headed by Rene Levesque and the Jewish community.

I was mystified to learn, for example, that the question of Israel surfaced at the meeting with the head of the provincial government, which does not have the status of a state and does not have a Ministry of External Affairs, no matter how intense the fantasizing.

The disturbing explanation, according to various sources around town, is that the Canadian Zionist Federation insisted on being included under the subtle (or perhaps not-too-subtle) warning that if it were not, then it would have no alternative but to seek its own audience with Levesque.

What goes here?

To start with:

Has a meeting with Levesque become so important a status symbol that the CZF practically forces its way onto the delegation? Far better the status seekers stick with tennis, which is the current "in" symbol.

And why give a provincial premier committed to separate statehood an open opportunity to react as if he were a de facto head of state, bringing in the question of support of Israel, over which he has no possible jurisdiction?

And, more critically, clearing the launching pad for him to take off into the wild blue yonder with that old bromide that criticizing Israel does not necessarily make one anti-Semitic — which it doesn't.

# CJC to safeguard minority rights

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL —
Alan Rose, national executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said recently that, on the matter of Jewish minority rights in Quebec, the Canadian Jewish Congress would not be found "asleep at the switch."

Speaking at a conference held in the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, Rose elaborated on the Jan. 31 meeting between Premier Rene Levesque and Jewish community leaders.

He described the tone of the meeting as being "very cordial and very frank".

During the meeting with Levesque, a request was made that any new language legislation should include protection for all ethnic, minority cultures. It was strongly urged that these rights should be secured by law, rather than left as vague government objectives.

What continues to concern the Jewish community leadership, according to Rose, is the ambiguity of the term "francophone".

Rose himself stated categorically that the ethnic or racial connotations of the term must be divorced from that which is purely a linguistic description.

In concluding his remarks at the conference, Rose attempted to clarify a misunderstanding over some earlier statements of his as reported in The Montreal Gazette.

He had been trying to emphasize that, while Quebec Jews were largely anglophone, they were not Anglo-Saxon. If they were to have minority status, said Rose, Jewish Quebeckers wished to be treated as a minority, and not "as a minority within a minority".

The newspaper article gave the impression that, in order to safeguard their rights, Jewish residents of Quebec were prepared to disassociate themselves from the rest of the English-speaking community.

# Herzliah educational director, Meilach Magid, was prizewinner

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Meilach Magid

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Muriel Kaplan is the first woman to be elected to the Westmount City Council.

# 'So I'm a woman, what's the fuss?' asks new councillor

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

"For goodness' sake, what's all the fuss about," exclaimed Muriel Kaplan, still a little flabbergasted by all the attention she has received since her recent appointment to the Westmount City Council.

Mrs. Kaplan is the first woman in the Montreal suburb's 103-year history to hold a council seat. She replaces retiring councillor James Thom.

"I've never been a militant women's libber, but now I'm beginning to see their point. So I'm a woman — what's the big deal?"

Trim, quiet-spoken with steel-grey hair, Mrs. Kaplan was born in Westmount and for many years has been active in the community affairs of that city.

After graduating from McGill, she was a teacher in the Protestant school system until she married businessman Samuel Kaplan and started raising two sons and a daughter.

Turning her interests then to community work, she became involved with Hadassah, Shaar Hashomayim synagogue, the Roslyn Home and School Association and later the education committee of the Westmount Municipal Council for five years.

From 1969 to 1973, Mrs. Kaplan was a member of the Westmount Protestant School Board. It was during this time that she was hurtled into the public eye as the central figure in a controversy over "quota" representation for Jews on the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal.

Her appointment to the PSBGM as the Westmount board's representative in 1972 raised the number of Jewish board members to six, one more than provincial law at the time allowed. Another board member resigned to make room for Mrs. Kaplan.

The quotas and the Westmount board were eliminated with the re-organization of Montreal Island school systems in 1973.

More recently, Mrs. Kaplan has been the chairman of the advisory committee on social affairs for Westmount, which makes recommendations to the City Council on matters related to youth and senior citizens. She is also on the board of the women's federation of Allied Jewish Community Services.

As she joins Mayor Donald MacCallum and her five other fellow councillors, Mrs. Kaplan, who still lists her occupation as "housewife," is not eager to make more headlines just yet.

"I'm very excited and I'm looking forward to it all. But I must get my feet wet first. I want to learn a lot and not just jump right in — I need a basis for planning. Things are always different when you're on the inside."

What Mrs. Kaplan wants most during her term — which runs until November, 1979 — is to be thought of as simply " a councillor, not a woman councillor."

# PQ proving 'highly co-operative,' says McGill medical school dean

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL —

Dr. Samuel O. Freedman, recently appointed new dean of McGill's prestigious School of Medicine, believes that the difficulties facing the university as a whole will be of an economic rather than political nature.

While other English institutions or English language groups claim to be the victims of various pieces of provincial legislation, Dr. Freedman has found the Quebec government to be highly co-operative as far as the McGill medical school is concerned.

"The only difficulty I foresee is a general fiscal policy of restraint which will apply to all universities in the province and all faculties simply because money is not as plentiful as it used to be. University budgets as a whole will go down due to the declining birth rate and the fewer number of students."

Dr. Freedman pointed out that this is certainly not a problem unique to Quebec, but rather applies throughout North America.

Where the new provincial government has surprised Dr. Freedman is in its higher sense of social consciousness as compared with previous governments.

At the Montreal General Hospital, where Dr. Freedman is director of the division of clinical immunology and allergy, a particular patient was suffering from leukemia. Thanks to provincial government assistance, he was transferred to Seattle, Washington to the only hospital where bone marrow transplants are performed.

"In a similar case not long ago," said Dr. Freedman, "when we applied to the previous government for money to cover medical care outside the province, we were turned down flat at every level.

"Because the present government is much more aware of human needs than its predecessors, a simple telegram to the Minister of Health brought an affirmative response within 24 hours."

As for his duties as dean, Dr. Freedman sees his role as one of a "scientific and educational manager."

"The task of the dean," he said, "is to co-ordinate the activities of a very large and complicated faculty spread across many hospitals where most of the teaching is conducted. This makes the task not as straightforward as in arts or science or law, not that their task is necessarily easy."

An additional responsibility will arise for Dr. Freedman when McGill's department of family medicine opens a centre at one of the central subway stations. In this way, McGill hopes to become more directly involved in community health care.

Born and educated in Montreal, Dr. Freedman presently has close ties with Israeli scientists at the Weizmann Institute and the Technion where research of great interest to him is being undertaken in tumor immunology.

Dr. Samuel Freedman, McGill medical school dean.

Dr. Freedman's late father, A.O. Freedman, a doctor in his own right, was a very active Canadian Zionist leader and in the late 1920s became superintendent of Hadassah Hospital in what was then Palestine.

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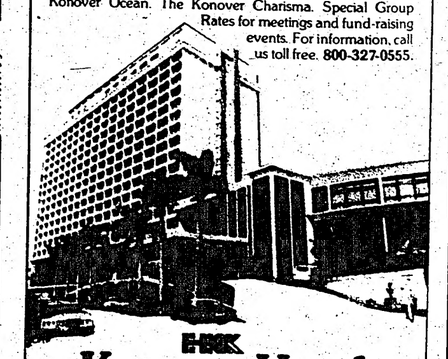
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# The kibbutz as a guest house

TEL AVIV —

There was a time long ago — say 20-30 years — when wayfaring Israelis and tourists would interrupt their hikes and rides through the countryside when the spirit, fatigue or hunger moved them, and drop in on the nearest kibbutz for a meal and a place to sleep. No questions asked, everyone welcome, as simple as that. Those were the days, but they ain't no more.

The population of the country expanded, the flow of tourists took on unprecedented proportions, and practically all of them wanted to have a look at that phenomenon they had heard so much about — the kibbutz. The kibbutzim themselves could not continue to extend their traditional hospitality without payment, but with their typical inventiveness started to look for a solution.

Many were unable to maintain an expanding population on an economy based solely on agriculture, the original mainstay of these communities. Some kibbutzim had put up industries of various types, such as factories for furniture, for agricultural equipment, or canneries, and now they started branching out into tourism.

Today, the kibbutz movement can boast of a network of 22 guest houses, associated with "Kibbutz Rest and Guest Houses", which has an office in Tel Aviv. They are located all over Israel, some in spectacularly scenic locations.

Most guest houses are rural type constructions, bungalows situated in lovely gardens with a central dining room, although a few put up their guests in larger, hotel-like buildings.

The guest houses are graded like hotels (they have either three or four stars), and rates and facilities are comparable. The rooms are comfortable and spotlessly clean, and have either bath or shower.

The food is wholesome and abundant, and — since much comes from the kibbutz's own production — as fresh as can be. Practically all of them have bathing facilities, either in pools, sea or lakes.

But the main attraction remains their being in, and run by, the kibbutz. After all, a traveler can stay in hotels all over the world, but only in Israel can he stay in a kibbutz.

And staying in a kibbutz means getting acquainted with this type of collective community, the only one in modern times based on voluntary membership that has made a go of it.

Today there are 250 kibbutzim with a combined population of 100,000. They have achieved total equality, basing their lives on the oft proclaimed (but seldom achieved) precept — from each according to his ability, to each according to his need.

Property is owned by the community. As it prospers, so do the members. Generally speaking, the age of the kibbutz determines the degree of comfort enjoyed by the members in terms of housing, communal facilities such as swimming pool and club house, cultural services such as concerts and theatre performances, and such items as refrigerators, TV sets and air-conditioners for members' apartments.

There are various ways for the visitor to Israel to be put up at a kibbutz inn and take in kibbutz life, although it must be said that an interest in the kibbutz is no pre-requisite for staying in a kibbutz inn.

Many group tours to Israel feature one or more overnight stays in a kibbutz inn. After dinner, the group is introduced to kibbutz life, either through a slide lecture or in a discussion with the members. In the morning the group is taken on a guided tour of the kibbutz.

Individual tourists can book their kibbutz nights just as they do hotels, through a travel agent. If they bring their car or rent one, they can use the kibbutz inn as a base for touring a particular region of the country.

There are travel agents who organize kibbutz study tours for groups that combine a closer look into kibbutz society with sightseeing tours of the country.

In addition to accommodation in kibbutz guest houses, these tours include talks on such aspects of kibbutz life as economy, agriculture, industry and education.

A completely different approach to the kibbutz for an outsider is to get his hands dirty living and working with the kibbutzniks for an extended period as a volunteer. Every year thousands of young men and women, individually and in groups, take off time from studies or jobs for a working vacation in a kibbutz.

They have to be between 18 and 35 years of age and able-bodied, for they are expected to put in a full day's work in exchange for board and lodging and some pocket money. The minimum period is three weeks; the maximum may in some cases become a lifetime.

The kibbutz movements have representatives in many countries, who can arrange for a working vacation. The Israel Government Tourist Offices have all the details on whom to contact and how to qualify.

The days of just dropping in on a kibbutz and letting matters (or members) take their course have passed. Like so many things in life, this, too, is not as simple as it used to be. On the other hand, there are now many new possibilities to stay at a kibbutz in comfort and to get a picture of what goes on in this fascinating type of society.

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# Rebbitzen delivers prophecy

By TOBA KORENBLUM

TORONTO —

She scolded, pleaded, warned, prophesized, her voice rising in a dramatic crescendo from a strained whisper to a cry of anguish. And the overflow audience, carried by the tide of rhetoric, sat somewhat restlessly in silent awe.

Fiery "evangelical" Rebbitzen Esther Jungreis upbraided 700 people at Beth Sholom Synagogue and predicted that the destruction of the Jewish people will come from one source — within.

Dressed in a long black outfit with high black boots, the revivalist rebbitzen, bathed in a bright spotlight, shook her fist at the crowd and warned: "Hatred and politicking destroys every Jewish community — Jew against Jew, brother against brother and synagogue against synagogue."

One man, she quipped in one of the lighter moments of her hour-long speech, wouldn't buy an Israel Bond because he didn't like the Bonds chairman.

But the remainder of her sermon-lecture was devoted to an apocalyptic view of Jewish future, replete with quotations in Hebrew from the psalms, narratives about her experiences in Hungary during the Holocaust and a plea for a revival of Jewish spirituality and Torah study.

"We, the Jewish people, are experiencing one of the most dramatic moments in 2,000 years of existence, but unfortunately it is not always possible to understand history when it takes place in front of your eyes," she said softly, her voice cracking.

"For the first time, a generation of Jews is raised who cry for every cause, every people, every ideology but their own...a generation raised on enjoyment, but which can't cry for the pain of a nation."

She saved a measure of rebuke for Israeli yordim and Diaspora Jews who fail to commit themselves to aliyah. While this generation witnessed the return of Jerusalem, she said, most have "opted for New York, Los Angeles and even Toronto, and more Israelis are leaving the land than going. It's an exodus in reverse."

Despite the "miracles" of the Six Day War and the raid on Entebbe, Rebbitzen Jungreis said Jews have failed to awaken their spiritual roots. Turning to the Uganda mission, she lambasted Jews for priding themselves in the accomplishments of the Israeli army, instead of the will of God. "We cheapened the miracle. We remained silent and indifferent...We made a James Bond story instead of awakening to repentance."

The charismatic New Yorker, leader of the Hineni (Here I Am) movement, decried "illiterate" Jewish youth who choose intermarriage, assimilation and "defection to alien cults" as their lifestyle. This generation has no shame, she said.

A survivor of Bergen Belsen, she closed her eyes plaintively, raised her arm high and cried in the name of six million Holocaust victims: "We have forgotten who we are, to have parents who walked into the fire and then have grandchildren who live in freedom and don't want to be Jewish."

She pleaded for a return to Torah. "But," she added, "the Torah can't be your supermarket. This I reject and this I pick... there is a destiny we have, and you know it, and I know it."

(Michael Brothman photo)

Esther Jungreis in action at Beth Sholom Synagogue.

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The Stashiver Young Ladies Auxiliary of Toronto has sponsored a room in the D. Lou Harris Dormitories in the Technion in memory of the martyrs of Stashiv, Poland. From the left are Pola Goldfluss, Rose Koralnik, Mina Smith, Sinai Leichter of Toronto Technion, Yetta Sternberg, Rose Godman, and Gerdie Kates.

# Four students to tour Canada to promote ORT month

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Through the month they will travel and speak in centres from Halifax to Vancouver, spending from March 9-17 in Ontario. On March 9 the students will be in Peterborough, 6 p.m. at the Rock Haven Motel.

From March 10-13 the ORT trainees will speak to Toronto groups. On the 10th at noon, they talk to students at the Sid Smith Building, U of T. Friday evening, the 11th, they join Temple Emanu-El's Oneg Shabbat at 8:30.

Saturday services are split between the ORT visitors at four synagogues: Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda; Beth Sholom; B'nai Israel Beth David and Temple Har Zion.

Still in Toronto on Sunday, March 13, they visit breakfast club meetings at Beth Shalom and Beth Tzedec. That evening, joined by moderator J.B. Salsberg, the students speak at Temple Emanu-El at 8:00.

Turning to Hamilton on Monday, March 14, special guest John Munro, minister of labor, is featured at Beth Jacob Synagogue at 8:30 p.m. with the ORT pupils.

In London on the 15th, they will talk to the community — location not yet scheduled. The following day they head to Windsor's Community Centre at 8:30 p.m. and wind up their Ontario tour in Kitchener at the Beth Jacob Centre, 8 p.m., on the evening of the 17th.


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# School's role exaggerated, says researcher

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"Figures indicate a highly unified population with a remarkable degree of internal cohesion and consensus over the issues of the day....This could be interpreted to mean that in a hypothetical situation, almost 70% could be expected to rally behind the general cause."

This, he explains, is indicative of the fact that the community is very much concerned with its ethnic and cultural survival. Paradoxically enough, however, Glickman forecasts an increase in mixed marriages. Converts to Judaism may offset some of the losses.

He says the internal cohesion of the community is considerably superior to that of its American counterparts.

The reasons for that are three-fold: Canadian Jewry is largely concentrated in two cities, Montreal and Toronto; the Jewish community here is younger than the American one, and therefore not as assimilated; the multiplicity of Jewish communal organizations in the United States leads to cleavages in the community. In Canada, by contrast, the Canadian Jewish Congress serves as an umbrella group for many diverse organizations, he says.

Glickman, whose earlier findings on the Jewish community were published in The CJN in 1975, predicts that Reform Judaism will gain more adherents in the years to come. His data shows that the Reform branch claimed 23.6% of Jews in 1973 compared to 18% eight years earlier. In 1965, 38% of Toronto Jews belonged to the Orthodox branch, but in 1973 the figure had dropped to 26.4%. Forty-eight percent went to Conservative synagogues as of four years ago.

Jews are turning to Reform Judaism in increasing numbers because it is less demanding from a sacremental point of view and because it emphasizes associational ties, he notes. Nevertheless, Toronto still has more Orthodox Jews than most North American cities of its size.

Regarding frequency of synagogue attendance, Glickman says 15.1% attended shul more than once every month; 42.1% about once per month; 26.1% only on high holidays and 15.1% less often or never.

As to whether it is necessary to belong to a congregation, 42.5% thought it was essential; 40.9% said it was desirable; 14.2% termed it irrelevent, and 2.4% said it was unessential.

Attitudes toward contributing to Jewish philanthropies were positive, according to Glickman. Slightly more than 55% said gift-giving was essential; 33.4% said it was desirable; 10.2% said it was irrelevant, and 0.5% said it was not essential.

Atheists, assimilationists, some academics and many Israelis (yordim) were the least likely to contribute to community coffers, he said.

As of 1975, 64.2% belonged to non-sectarian voluntary organizations; 21% to such groups as the Canadian Jewish Congress or the Canadian Zionist Federation; 39.7% to lodges and fraternal groups; 63.6% to synagogue or religious groups; 12.2% to social and recreational groups, and 4.1% to unions.

Sixty-eight percent would encourage their children to study in Israel; 100% indicated a feeling of personal loss if Israel were destroyed; 95% felt one could be a good Jew by supporting Israel, and 86% said they would try to influence Canada or the U.S. to help Israel.

Glickman said the data indicated that Toronto Jews of either European, North African or Israeli origin were more inclined to identify with Israel than their British, Canadian or American counterparts.

Seventy percent still consider anti-Semitism a potential danger.

# Consult Palestinians

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Such an entity would be incapable of raising as many forces as the Jordanians and the Syrians did in 1967. Until the Six Day War, Israeli military planners felt secure behind the old frontiers and were able to meet the Arab challenge effectively, he argued.

He dismissed as "mere talk" the argument that a West Bank state would be Soviet-controlled. "The Arabs are in the midst of getting rid of the Russians...they realize their deliverance won't come from the Russians." Peled said the PLO would lose its cash subsidies from the conservative Saudi Arabians if its leadership courted the Soviets.

As to whether a West Bank state would be economically viable, he noted: "When we fought for Israel in 1947, they told us it couldn't exist...the Palestinians will get a lot of foreign aid."

Speculating on possible Israeli-Palestinian talks, Peled said this might be facilitated if UN resolution 242 were altered to acknowledge the Palestinians as a political entity rather than as refugees. He said future negotiations might flounder when and if the PLO leadership insisted on a full repatriation of Palestinians to Israel.

He criticized Israel's policy in the occupied lands as unwise and inconsistent. First, the government refused to deal with local Palestinian leaders, or expelled them, driving them into the hands of the PLO. Second, Jerusalem did not admit the error, compounding the problem.

Peled said Washington would not apply political pressure on any of the parties until it formulated a clear, unambiguous Middle East policy. U.S. policy is currently torn by conflicting and contradictory interests. Israel's goals clash with those of the PLO and Syria, Jordan's with Israel and the PLO, and Syria's with Israel and the Palestinians. Yet, if the negotiating process is delayed, the problem will worsen, he said.

# Trifa to emigrate says Wiesenthal

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The main reason why so many Nazi criminals did escape, Wiesenthal said, was the 12-year Cold War.

German generals, still active in the post-war era, could not be prosecuted if the German army was to be effectively rebuilt to counter the Russians. Many politicians also considered men like Trifa to be invaluable anti-Communists, so they were not thoroughly investigated.

"It was closed season in hunting down Nazis," said Wiesenthal.

Even now, those individuals which head his most-wanted list seem to be beyond the reach of the law.

Josef Mengele, for example, the chief doctor of Auschwitz, is protected by the well-entrenched German community of Paraguay whose origins go back prior to World War I. Recently, a delegation from the small Jewish community in Paraguay asked Wiesenthal to refrain from taking any action against Mengele because their own lives would be endangered.

# *Single parents*

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"The overall perspective of singles programs has not always been positive," Bernstein explained, "and we're trying to overcome that image by planning our programs very carefully. We stress sports activities, arts and crafts, painting and guest speakers. There are social activities too, of course."

Bernstein also said in an interview that all food operations at JCC camps will be under supervision of Canadian Jewish Congress beginning with the 1977 camping season. "We have asked the Toronto Jewish Congress for a non-recurrent capital grant of $25,000 to achieve this goal," he added.

Plans are moving rapidly to start construction on the Parry Sound campsite for a winterized community facility to serve children, teenagers, adults, singles and seniors. The total construction expenditure is estimated at $800,000. "We have applied for a Wintario grant, which we hope will cover half the cost of the project," he said.

For the 1976-77 fiscal year, the UJA has allocated $20,976 to cover insurance and taxes on all four campsites.

An additional $4,000 has been allocated to provide subsidies for Orthodox children, enabling them to attend two camps, the Moshava, which is operated by the Mizrachi organization, and Camp Israel, run by the Aguda.

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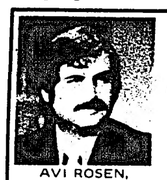
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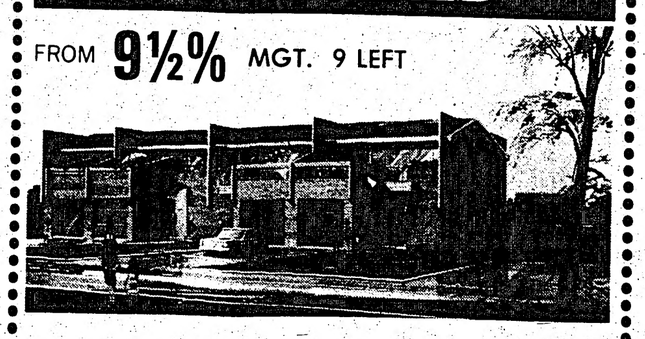
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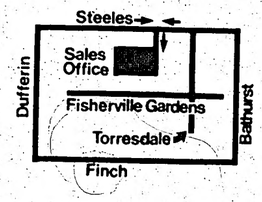


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**Practical Jewish** nurse seeks day job caring for sick. 635-8547. 4

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**$10,000 Reduced**
**Exquisite home.** 47 Sunnycrest, next to Rockford. About 2,500 sq. ft. inside, air-conditioning, swimming pool, 4 bedrooms & den. Cold storage, intercom, cedar closets. Must sell. Call 667-8865. 25

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**Charming 4 bedroom,** home on quiet crescent. Centrally air conditioned, main floor laundry room, fireplace in family room with walkout to pool-sized lot, master ensuite, 5 appliances, broadloom, drapes, fixtures, plus many extras. $144,900. Call 447-8822. No agents please. 11

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Office space available — brand-new building. Air-conditioned. Call Barry Lebow, 630-7800.

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3-4 bdrm townhome, attached garage, finished basement, sunken living room, large eat-in kitchen, 17' master bedroom, bar, appliances, broadloom, central air. Only $55,900. Victor Goldman, 24 hr. pager, 663-9720.

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Executive detached 2 or 3 story 4 bedroom home, 2 private drives, fireplace. Asking $119,000. Open for offers. Call Paul Giordano or Angelo Gentile, 663-9720.

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Detached 3 bdrm. bungalow, attached garage, 2 baths, finished basement with 2nd kitchen, central air, appliances, vendor will hold one open mtge. to your downpayment! Call Victor Goldman, 663-9720.

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We have for sale 1 & 2 bdrm. luxury condominiums offered at the lowest prices in the building. Call Victor Goldman, 663-9720.

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**New Exclusive**
4 bedroom, detached backsplit, double garage, family room with fireplace, walkout to fully fenced yard. Possession flexible. Asking $114,900. Call Victor Goldman, 663-9720.

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Brand-new 5-bedroom executive multi-level home, 8,000 square ft. Sunken living room, fireplace in master on acre ravine lot. For more information, call Victor Goldman, 663-9720.

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**97 Denlow Blvd.**
**Open House Sun. 2-4 P.M.**
$250,000. Exceptionally spacious contemporary home designed for lavish entertaining and functional life style. Main floor has family room, library, sunken living room, unusual master suite w/o deck. Come see it and choose your very own finishing. Elaine Harris, 226-9440.

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$349,000. Situated high on a hill with a picturesque view from every window. 4 or 5 bedrooms, 2 with ensuites & sunken tubs. Imperial ultra-modern custom kitchen with centre island, large principal rooms, unbeatable location. Alma Rosenthal, 226-9440.

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Park-like surroundings make this a unique property. An incredibly magnificent 5-bedroom home. Private courtyard, 3 fireplaces, breathtaking views, master suite with own dressing room. Ultra-modern kitchen, finished lower level with sauna, rec and games room with walkout to beautiful cedar deck. Call Leni Brown, 226-9440.

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**First Time Offered**
3-bdrm. sidesplit, dbl. garage, new kitchen, broadloom, central air, humidifier, walkout from den. Many expensive extras. Close to synagogues, schools, shopping. To view, call Frieda Rosenzweig, 652-1111 or 636-6363.

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**$195,000**
Exquisite 5 bedroom home. Gracious formal living & dining room. Colorful large kitchen. Walkout, magnificent family room, sauna, numerous costly extras. All a perfect blend of taste, quality & ease of maintenance. Bea Estrin or Mary Siegel, 226-9440.

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**$169,900**
Think Summer! Gorgeous 4-bedroom Tudor, family room with beamed ceiling, separate dining room. Professionally decorated & landscaped & central air, luxury throughout. Call Leni Brown, 226-9440.

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**Leslie-York Mills**
**Grand 2 Storey**
$250,000. Main floor, grand-sized rms. Family rm & kitchen with w/o to dream garden, 5 large bedrms. Spectacular low level with private help's quarters. 2 grand-sized entertaining rooms, sauna and wet bar. All the amenities. Eileen Cohen, 226-9440.

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**St. Andrews-Bayview**
**$169,500 Unique.**
2-storey with every conceivable luxury. Carpeted and draped, 5 bedrooms, main floor family room, finished lower level. For the discriminating buyer — nothing inating buyer. Call Elise Kalles, 226-1440.

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**Custom Contemporary**
**York Mills-Bayview**
$239,000. The marriage of brick, woods, expanses of glass makes this home an incomparable showplace. Master suite augmented by a free form stairway leading to a private hideaway. 5 bedrooms, sunken marble baths. Designed for a fun-loving family with a flair for hospitality. Bea Estrin, 226-9440.

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**Leslie-York Mills**
**$135,000 — Pool Size Lot**
Custom-built centre hall plan with 4 bedrooms plus ensuite and powder rooms. Charming main floor family room with Fieldstone fireplace. Knotty pine rec room also has fireplace. 2 car garage. Call Ruth Straughan, 226-9440.

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$259,500. Traditional American styling on 100' lot. Very spacious main floor plan. Bright gourmet kitchen has separate eating area overlooking fabulous gardens. 5 bedrooms, double spiral staircase, completely finished basement. Mrs. Landsberg, 226-9440.

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$249,500. Welcome privacy, yet within steps to Bayview. 5 grand size bedrooms, spacious & elegant main floor arrangement, Walkout lower level. Ruth Straughan or Frances Alter, 226-9440.

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**Avenue Road-Chaplin**
**Choice Duplex**
$114,900. Excellent value on this quiet residential street. This detached beauty features 2 spacious 2-bedroom suites. Offers good residence for owner with added income. Private drive. Mrs. Asher, 789-3473.

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$43,900. Eglinton-Marlee. This spacious 2 bedroom apt. in luxury building, indoor pool and health club, walk to shopping. For more details, call Mr. Cooper, 789-3473.

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**Avenue Rd.-Fairlawn**
**Main Floor Family Room**
$84,900. This 2-storey, 3-bedroom quaint English style home features super living and dining room, stone fireplace, 20' family room with walkout to a gorgeous patio on 167' lot. Mr. Fisher, 789-3473.

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**New Exclusive**
Terrific young family home with private drive and garage. Modernized for today's standards, this charmer offers traditional panelling, leaded windows and a fireplace. 3 good bedrooms, master holds king-size. Vendor will hold large open mtge. Asking $105,900. Call Carol Esbin, 487-4341.

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3 bdrm. semi-detached bungalow. Built-in garage & 2 bdrm. basement apt. with separate entrance. Vendor takes back first mtge. Close to synagogue. Call Angela Dill, 487-4341.

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**And Hebrew Schools**
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**$57,900.** Executive 3 bedroom with separate living/dining room, family room with fireplace and walkout, appliances, mint condition.

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**Bathurst-Finch**
**New Backsplits**
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**Sidesplit**
$116,500. Magnificent lot. Double garage. Main floor family room. 3-4 bedrooms, finished basement. 2 open fireplaces. Central air, appliances. Immediate possession. Ruth Trachter, 633-7777.

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**3 Bedroom — Detached**
$8,000 down. 2 storey, charming. Gumwood trim, fireplace, 3 entrances. Prime location! Garage. Easy financing. All offers considered! Pearl Grossman, 633-7777.

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$74,500. 2 storey semi. Steps to Bathurst St. Central air. Kitchen equipped. Immediate possession. Move-in condition. Vendor will take back 1st mtge. Clare Kane, 633-7777.

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$299,500. Very first offering! An impressive Georgian-style home with a feeling of space and grandeur. You will be impressed from the moment you enter the 20' x 13' foyer. Combination kitchen family room with fireplace, plus handsome library. Separate dining room, outstanding master with ensuite, "dramatic sunken ceramic tub", 4 other bdrms. Pool lot, central air. Exclusive. Florence Skelly, 481-3443 or 922-3639.
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**Condominium**
Luxury, spacious 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, custom drapes & broadloom throughout, appliances, pool, sauna, health club. Excellent financing. Move-in condition. Owner leaving city. Helen Solnik, 789-7138.

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**Bathurst-Glencairn**
**$96,900**
Beautiful 8 room, 2-storey, spacious living & dining rooms, ultra-modern kitchen, main floor powder room, den & family room with walkout to garden. Central air, broadloom, drapes, appliances. Move-in condition. Ruth Rybak, 789-7138.

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**Neptune Dr.-Bathurst**
$59,900. Luxury 3 bdrms, 2 baths, beautiful decor, move-in cond., near TTC. Rec rm. So. exposure. Mrs. Eidlitz, 635-1170.

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**Kensington Market**
$50,000 down. 70' frontage on Augusta. Busy corner location in heart of shopping area. Ideal for redevelopment. J. Fox, 635-1170.

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**Bathurst-Carville**
$99,900. 2-storey, 4 bdrms and family rm, 3 baths, brdlm. 2-car garage. Mrs. A. Benegbi, 635-1170.

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**Bathurst-Steeles**
1 bdrm. penthouse suite w. family rm, Florida rm & den w. fireplace in the luxurious Courtland. Beautifully decorated, 5 appliances, must be seen. Call Leona, 661-3640.

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**York Mills-Leslie**
4 bdrm. executive, family rm, main flr. laundry rm, fireplace, oak spiral stairway, king-size bdrms. 10% mtge. Shows to perfection. View with Mrs. Goldhar, 661-3640.

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**Open House Sunday 2-4:30**
**228 Coldstream**
**Bathurst & Glencairn**
4-bdrm. executive on magnificent 200' scenic lot, 3 walkouts, 3 baths, family rm, wet bar, finished bsmt., garage. Reduced $10,000. View with Mrs. Goldhar, 661-3640.

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**Denlow Estates — Pool**
Outstanding value, prime location. 4-bdrm., 2-storey home, 19' x 13' master ensuite, fam. rm., walkout, exceptionally landscaped yard, heated in-ground pool. Judy Horvath, 226-6390, 445-5024.
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**Bathurst-Steeles**

**Bathurst-Steeles — $71,900**
Extra large bungalow, ultra-modern kitchen, garage, 2 baths, 5 appliances, finished bsmt., swimming pool, excellent financing, move-in condition. Mrs. Baker, 636-5200.

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**Bayview-York Mills**
Exquisite 2-storey, 4 bdrm., impressive foyer, circular stairway, 33' master bdrm., 4-pc. ensuite, fully equipped kitchen, main floor powder & family rm, open fireplace, walkout to garden, finished games rm, maid's quarters. Excellent financing. Sheila Ender, 636-5200.

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**Bathurst-Sheppard**
**$149,000**
Custom-built 2 storey, dble. garage, circular staircase, 4 baths, 2 fireplaces, 9 rms., main flr. laundry, den & family rm., walkout to ravine-treed setting. Thousands in extras. Helen Gurevitch, 636-5200.

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## PERSONAL

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**Gentleman seeks partner** in life. Businessman, 47, financially independent, pleasant looking, world travelled, 5'6" tall, 156 lbs., who enjoys dancing, dining, theatre, travel. Seeks a serious, attractive companion between 34-39. Reply to Box 4778, CJN, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Suite 401, Toronto, Ont. M4P 1P1. 4

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**Quiet Jewish gentleman,** late 30's, divorced, enjoys life, seeks compansionship, woman aged 28-35. Interested in marriage. Must be broad-minded. Send resume and photo if possible. All letters will be answered. Reply Box 222, Postal Stn. Z, Toronto, Ont. M5N 2Z4. 11

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**Lady in Israel,** very attractive, 45-years-old, would like to meet a gentleman with serious intentions, between 45-57. Reply Lilia Maksimova, Shaar Zion 12, Apt. 5, Kiriat Chret, Holon, Israel. 4

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**Carpenter — Reasonable** rates. All types of work: alterations, repairs, recreation rooms. Call after 6, 223-6348. 18

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**Loeb, Else** - On Feb. 18, late of 2500 Bathurst St.

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**Shapiro, Ruth** - On Feb. 17, late of 2600 Bathurst St.

Saul Hayes (left), former national executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, hands deed to Jacob M. Lowy who gave his collection of Hebraica to the National Library in Ottawa. Looking on is Lachlan MacRae, assistant national librarian.

# 23rd Quebec lodge first bilingual one

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

For 71-year-old Joseph Ojalvo the creation of a bilingual lodge of B'nai B'rith — believed to be the first in the world — is a lifelong dream come true.

On March 12 Loge Egalite will be formally installed by Canadian B'nai B'rith District 22 President Morris Flicht at the Queen Elizabeth as the 23rd lodge in Quebec. Ojalvo, its founder, will be installed as president.

All meetings, correspondence and public addresses of the new lodge will be done in English and French. The 75 members already signed up are all francophones, some fluently bilingual and others with a minimal knowledge of English.

"It has always been my dream to bring people of different backgrounds together. Through communication in two languages, brotherhood and harmony can be achieved. We will also be able to speak to all people in Quebec as well as encourage friendship between English and French-speaking Jews," said Ojalvo.

An all-French lodge, Loge L'Alliance, was formed 18 years ago, but Ojalvo felt it could not accomplish as much as a two-language body. "I had the conviction when I thought of Loge Egalite a year ago that more work for the good of the community could be done when the members spoke both languages."

Ojalvo hopes that the new lodge's "enthusiasm and energy will put us in front of all other organizations in Quebec in bringing more co-operation between the ethnic communities of the province."

Loge Egalite will participate in all the regular activities of B'nai B'rith and perhaps some special ones of its own too. Said Eastern Region Director Murray Simons: "They're chomping at the bit and raring to go which is unusual for a lodge that hasn't even received its charter yet. We expect the lodge to do great things."

Fluent in nine languages, Bulgarian-born Ojalvo has been a member of B'nai B'rith since 1960 when he joined Loge L'Alliance. He was its secretary for several years and became president in 1969. Presently he is a member of the Mount Royal Lodge.

Ojalvo, with a colorful background, looks on life as "one big buffet" where one must try a little of everything. After studying industrial chemistry in Belgium, he went to Palestine in 1925 where he worked as band master at British army headquarters. He then travelled throughout the Middle East as secretary of the Jewish Foreign Trade Institute promoting Jewish goods.

Before World War II broke out, he started his own business in Cairo and in 1949 emigrated to the United States, travelling frequently to Europe and South America for his leather goods importing business.

Today he is still one of the top salesmen in Canada. Ojalvo, in his spare time, plays his violin, paints and reads up on the variety of subjects that take his fancy.

Joining Ojalvo as officers of Loge Egalite are Jacques Hadida, Bernard Cohen and Sam Totah as vice-presidents; and Dominique Chedeville-Levy, Marc Abitbol, David Koubi, Elie Benattar, Maurice Sadeh, Clement Khayat, Dr. Nathan Behar and Gabriel Kordovi.

# Argentina attacks anti-Semitism in publications

By YITZHAK SHARGIL

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

An Argentine official says his government intends to stop activities that are considered inimical to the coexistence of the different communities in that country.

Enrique Jorge Ros, Argentina's ambassador to Israel, expressed this view during a luncheon given by the Israeli executive of the World Jewish Congress when he was questioned about the publication of Nazi and anti-Semitic propaganda in Argentina.

He said the Argentine authorities have taken strong steps against the publishing firm responsible for the publication of this material. The postal authorities have prohibited the use of postal services for distributing the publications, and the printing firms have been told to stop printing the material.

Jorge Ros hailed the contribution made by the Jewish community to the economic and cultural development of Argentina since the days of the Jewish colonization movement organized by Baron Maurice de Hirsch more than 100 years ago.

Referring to Israel-Argentine relations, the envoy noted that Israel has reached the 20th place in the list of countries which trade with Argentina. Since a meeting last year in New York between the foreign ministers of both countries, the door has been open to greater co-operation.

Mutual committees for promoting cultural and scientific co-operation were agreed upon and their convention is expected soon, he said. These committees will decide on an exchange of scientists and scientific knowledge as well as an exchange of cultural delegations.

Jorge Ros called on the many Argentine Jews who have settled in Israel to be good will ambassadors for Argentina and to act as a bridge for closer co-operation between the two countries. The ambassador was accompanied by the first secretary, Marta Oliveros, and the military attache, Col. Alberto Omar Etchegorry.

Itzhak Koren, chairman of the Israeli WJC executive, welcomed the guests and said this was the first in a series of meetings with ambassadors of countries where the Jewish communities are encountering problems.

Meanwhile, in Buenos Aires, the Argentine government has issued a series of decrees banning a book by an anti-Semitic author and all publication of the clandestine "Odal" publishing house, a distributor of Nazi and pro-Nazi books and literature.

"Odal" succeeded Editorial Milicia, whose publishing activities were suspended by the government last year.

The book published is an anti-Zionist, anti-Jewish tract titled "From the Zionist Yoke to a Possible Argentina" by Prof. Walter Beveraggi Allende, a well-known anti-Semitic agitator. The decrees bar the distribution, sale and circulation of the offending publications.


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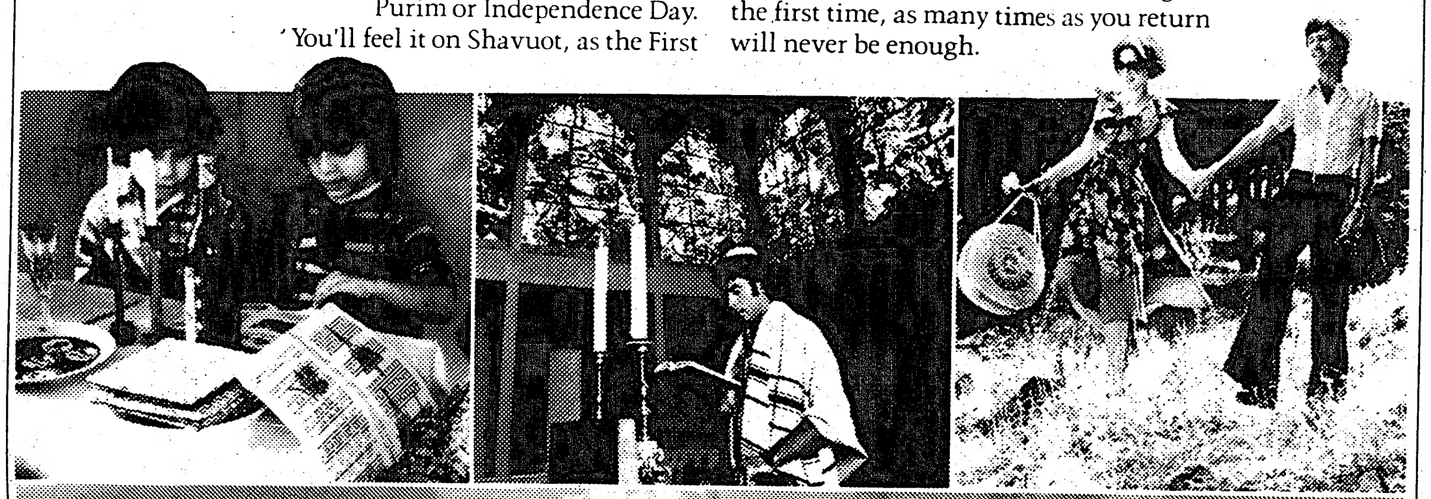

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